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Colonel WILLIAM T. SHERMAN, of the Thirteenth Regiment U. S. Infantry, was appointed Brigadier General May 17, 1861; commanded a brigade in the Department of Northeastern Virginia and the Defenses of Washington from July 15 to August 28, 1861. August 28, 1861, was transferred to Department of the Cumberland, and assigned to command the troops in front of Louisville, Kentucky. In accordance with a telegram, dated October 6, 1861, from Lieutenant General WINFIELD SCOTT to General ANDERSON, the latter relinquished to General SHERMAN the command of the

DEPARTMENT OF THE CUMBERLAND,

which he exercised until November 15, 1861. At his earnest request to be allowed to remain in a subordinate position, General SHERMAN was placed on inspection duty in the Department of the Missouri November 23 to December 3, 1861; commanded Camp of Instruction at Benton Barracks, Saint Louis, Missouri, December 23, 1861, to February 14, 1862; was employed in forwarding troops and supplies from Paducah, Kentucky, to General GRANT's army, February 17 to March 10, 1862; commanded the

FIRST DIVISION—ARMY OF THE TENNESSEE.

March 9 to April 4, 1862, when his command became the

FIFTH DIVISION—ARMY OF THE TENNESSEE,

and subsequently the

FIRST DIVISION—ARMY OF THE TENNESSEE.

July 5, 1862, he assumed command of the

DISTRICT OF MEMPHIS.

December 3, 1862, he was assigned to the command of the

RIGHT WING—ARMY OF THE TENNESSEE,
(*Vicksburg Expedition.*)

January 5, 1863, assumed command of the

SECOND CORPS—ARMY OF THE MISSISSIPPI.

January 12, 1863, by virtue of General Orders No. 210, War Department, December 18, 1862, he assumed command of the

FIFTEENTH ARMY CORPS.

July 6, 1863, he commanded an

EXPEDITIONARY ARMY,
(*Against Jackson, Mississippi.*)

composed of the 9th, 13th, and 15th Corps, until July 22, when he resumed command of the

FIFTEENTH ARMY CORPS,

which he retained until October 24, 1863, when, in obedience to General Order No. 2, Headquarters Military Division of the Mississippi, dated Louisville, Kentucky, October 19, 1863, he assumed command of the

DEPARTMENT AND ARMY OF THE TENNESSEE.

March 18, 1864, he was assigned, by General Orders No. 98, War Department, March 12, 1864, to the command of the

MILITARY DIVISION OF THE MISSISSIPPI,

composed of the Departments of the Ohio, the Cumberland, the Tennessee, and the Arkansas, which command, having been commissioned Major General August 12, 1864, he retained until May 30, 1865—end of the war.

Subsequent to the war, General SHERMAN, on the reorganization of the Military Divisions and Departments, was assigned, by General Orders No. 118, War Department, June 27, 1865, to the command of the

MILITARY DIVISION OF THE MISSISSIPPI,

embracing the Departments of the Ohio, the Missouri, and Arkansas; August 6, 1866, having, July 25, 1866, been commissioned Lieutenant General, was assigned, by General Orders No. 59, War Department, August 6, 1866, to the command of the

MILITARY DIVISION OF THE MISSOURI,

composed of the Departments of the Arkansas, the Missouri, the Platte, and Dakota; March 8, 1869, by direction of the President of the United States, having been commissioned General March 4, 1869, assumed command of the

ARMY OF THE UNITED STATES.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE CUMBERLAND.

GENERAL ORDERS }
No. 7. }

HEADQUARTERS,
DEPARTMENT OF THE CUMBERLAND,
Louisville, Ky., October 8, 1861.

Brigadier General Robert Anderson, having relinquished the command of this Department in General Orders No. 6, of this date, the undersigned assumes command of this Department.

W. T. SHERMAN,
Brigadier General.

GENERAL ORDERS }
No. 8. }

HEADQUARTERS,
DEPARTMENT OF THE CUMBERLAND,
Louisville, Ky., October 8, 1861.

All persons who have been authorized by competent authority to raise regiments for service in this Department are hereby ordered to report immediately, by letter to these Headquarters, the number of men actually raised at the time of the report, their position, and their condition for service.

The report will embrace the amount of clothing received (if any) for the regiment, the number of arms received, the number of men who have their own arms, the facilities for transporting their regiments to camps of rendezvous, and such other military information with regard to their regiments as they may deem useful to the Commanding General.

By command of Brigadier General Sherman :

OLIVER D. GREENE,
Assistant Adjutant General.

GENERAL ORDERS }
No. 9. }

HEADQUARTERS,
DEPARTMENT OF THE CUMBERLAND,
Louisville, Ky., October 9, 1861.

I...The chiefs of the different departments of the staff of this Military Department are directed to estimate at once for funds adequate to the supplying of an army of (60,000) sixty thousand men.

II...A Quartermaster and Commissary of Subsistence will be detailed by their respective chiefs for each of the armies now in front of Louisville and Lexington. They will be liberally supplied with funds to be disbursed for transportation and supplies.

III...The Chief Quartermaster and Ordnance Officer will see that Colonel Buckner Board's regiment of Cavalry is supplied with horses, and armed and equipped as Cavalry at the earliest possible moment.

IV...Commanders of armies in the field and commanders of separate detachments will use all possible efforts to protect the property of the inhabitants of the country.

When forage is taken it must be paid for, and when articles of subsistence are taken a certified account thereof must be forwarded to the Chief Commissary at Louisville, to be paid, and charged to the regimental commissary taking the property. Other damages must be certified to and held over, till the restoration of peace, to be adjusted.

By command of Brigadier General Sherman :

OLIVER D. GREENE,
Assistant Adjutant General.

HEADQUARTERS,
DEPARTMENT OF THE CUMBERLAND,
Louisville, Ky., October 10, 1861.

[CIRCULAR.]

The Colonels of regiments are informed that they cannot discharge citizen teamsters, employed by the proper authority, without just cause, in which case they will furnish the discharged teamsters with a written statement of the cause of the discharge.

Regimental commanders cannot discharge wagon masters; their appointment is given by law to the Quartermaster's Department.

By command of Brigadier General Sherman :

OLIVER D. GREENE,
Assistant Adjutant General.

SPECIAL ORDERS }
 No. 51. }

HEADQUARTERS,
 DEPARTMENT OF THE CUMBERLAND,
Louisville, Ky., October 12, 1861.

Brigadier General A. McD. McCook, U. S. Volunteer forces, having reported at these Headquarters in obedience to instructions from the War Department, will proceed to the camp at Nolin Creek and assume command of all the United States forces in that vicinity.

By command of Brigadier General Sherman :

OLIVER D. GREENE,
Assistant Adjutant General.

GENERAL ORDERS }
 No. 10. }

HEADQUARTERS,
 DEPARTMENT OF THE CUMBERLAND,
Louisville, Ky., October 13, 1861.

I...The regiment of Kentucky Volunteers now forming under the command of Colonel Pope will proceed to New Haven and take post there for the protection of the bridge over Rolling Fork and for preventing depredations on the part of roving bands of our enemy.

II...The regiment of Colonel Willich, now at New Haven, will, upon being relieved by Colonel Pope, (and having received the wagons destined for it,) proceed to the camp at Nolin, and report for orders to Brigadier General McCook, commanding.

III...The battery of Artillery under command of Captain Cotter, now at Louisville, will proceed by cars to the camp at Nolin and be under the orders of General McCook.

IV...The regiment of Volunteers, Colonel Manson, now at Bardstown, will keep a strong detachment of men at Bardstown Junction, and will be responsible for the safety of the railroad bridges within two miles on either side of the Junction.

V...Colonel Turchin's regiment will remain at Lebanon Junction, and will be held responsible for the safety of the bridge across Rolling Fork, and the bridges five miles to the north of the Junction. He will also employ such home guards as he may deem necessary to guard the bridges between the Junction and New Haven.

VI...General McCook will keep a sufficient guard at Elizabethtown, and along the road back to the tunnel. He will keep

employed near him at all times a locomotive and a few cars for this purpose.

VII...The Chief Commissary will at once throw forward to Nolin two hundred thousand rations, and see that the way stations are supplied, for which purpose he can employ a railroad train from time to time, with an agent to distribute the supplies along the railroad.

By command of Brigadier General Sherman :

OLIVER D. GREENE,
Assistant Adjutant General.

GENERAL ORDERS }
No. 11. }

HEADQUARTERS,
DEPARTMENT OF THE CUMBERLAND,
Louisville, Ky., October 13, 1861.

I...Colonel Thomas Swords, Assistant Quartermaster General, having reported at these Headquarters pursuant to instructions from the Quartermaster, will at once enter upon his duties and control the affairs of his Department within the sphere of his command.

II...All officers and agents of the Quartermaster's Department will at once make their requisitions upon and send in their estimates and reports to him.

He will assign a competent officer to be attached to the army now in camp at Nolin, and another to be attached to the army at Camp Dick Robinson, and will provide them as liberally as possible with funds for the purchase of forage and other necessary expenses of armies in the field.

His calculations and estimates should be based upon a force of sixty thousand (60,000) men.

By command of Brigadier General Sherman :

OLIVER D. GREENE,
Assistant Adjutant General.

GENERAL ORDERS }
No. 12. }

HEADQUARTERS,
DEPARTMENT OF THE CUMBERLAND,
Louisville, Ky., October, 14, 1861.

I...Additional Paymaster Charles T. Larned, having reported at these Headquarters, pursuant to an order from the Paymas-

ter General assigning him to duty as Chief Paymaster of the Department, is hereby announced as the chief of his corps in the Department.

He will enter at once upon his duties and cause all the troops in the Department to be paid as soon as possible up to the 31st of August, and thereafter regularly at the expiration of every two months.

II...All regimental officers of the Volunteer service will be paid upon their regimental rolls at the same time as their regiments and at no other time.

By command of Brigadier General Sherman :

OLIVER D. GREENE,
Assistant Adjutant General.

HEADQUARTERS,
DEPARTMENT OF THE CUMBERLAND,
Louisville, Ky., October 15, 1861.

[CIRCULAR.]

The following regulations respecting the duties of Brigade Surgeons are published for the government of all concerned :

I...Brigade Surgeons will frequently inspect the cooking and police of the camps, and the cleanliness and clothing of the men of their respective brigades ; the position and condition of the sinks ; the drainage of the camp grounds ; the ventilation of the tents, &c. ; making written reports to the brigade commanders whenever, in their opinion, any errors in these respects require correction, and sending duplicates of these reports to the Medical Director of the Department.

II...They will see that the medicines, hospital stores, instruments and dressings of the several Regimental Surgeons are kept constantly sufficient in quality, in good order, and always ready for active service.

III...They will transmit, every Saturday morning, to the Medical Director, a report of the number of sick in each regiment, and will accompany this with remarks showing the character of the prevailing diseases ; and, at the end of each month, they will receive the monthly report of the sick and wounded from the Regimental Surgeons, consolidate them, and transmit them to the Medical Director.

IV...They will promptly report to the Medical Director all changes in station or location of themselves or of any of the medical officers in their brigades.

V...They will inspect carefully all men receiving certificates of disability for discharge, and if they approve, will countersign such certificates.

VI...They will see that the hospital attendants to the number of ten to a regiment, and the regimental bands, are assembled and drilled one hour each day (except Sundays) by the Regimental Medical Officers in setting up and dismounting the hand stretchers, litters and ambulances; in handling men carefully; placing them upon the litters and ambulance beds; putting them into the ambulances; taking them out, &c.; carrying men upon the hand stretchers; observing that the leading bearer steps off with the left foot, and the rear bearer with the right; in short, in everything that can render this service effective, and the most comfortable for the wounded who are to be transported.

VII...Brigade Surgeons will see that the Army Regulations in relation to the uses to which ambulances are to be applied are strictly obeyed, and they will report promptly to the Brigade Commander any infractions of these regulations.

VIII...Whenever a skirmish or affair of outposts occurs, or when a general engagement is expected, they will see that the regimental medical officers have the ambulances and stretchers properly manned with the drilled men, and in immediate readiness and attendance to bring off the wounded, and that such officers are at their posts with their instruments, dressings, and hospital knapsacks in complete order and ready for immediate use, so that no delay may occur in rendering the necessary surgical aid to the wounded.

IX...They will report in writing to the Medical Director, within twenty-four hours after any affair with the enemy, or as soon thereafter as possible, the name, rank, and regiment of each of the wounded, the nature and situation of the wounds, and the surgical means adopted in the case.

X...Brigade Surgeons will be held responsible that the hospital service in their brigades is kept constantly effective and in readiness for any emergency. No remissness in this respect will be tolerated or overlooked.

XI...Regimental Surgeons are directed to obey promptly the instructions of the Brigade Surgeons, and nothing in this order shall be construed as relieving them from their appropriate duties in providing for the care, comfort, and transportation of the sick and wounded of their respective regiments.

By order of

BRIG. GEN. WILLIAM T. SHERMAN,
Commanding.

GENERAL ORDERS }
No. 13. }

HEADQUARTERS,
DEPARTMENT OF THE CUMBERLAND,
Louisville, Ky., October 21, 1861.

General Orders No. 2, issued from the office of the Adjutant General of the Kentucky State Militia, directing the consolidation of the Kentucky Volunteers into companies, battalions, and regiments, meets the approval of the Commanding General.

All persons who are raising regiments in the State of Kentucky under authority of the War Department, or of my predecessor, unless their regiments are full or already brigaded, will report to the Adjutant General of the State, and conform to the instructions of the State Military Board until their organization is complete and they are ready to be mustered into the service of the United States.

By command of Brigadier General Sherman :

OLIVER D. GREENE,
Assistant Adjutant General.

SPECIAL ORDERS }
No. 66. }

HEADQUARTERS,
DEPARTMENT OF THE CUMBERLAND,
Louisville, Ky., October 21, 1861.

1st Lieutenant J. H. Smyser, 5th Artillery, Acting Ordnance Officer of the Department, is hereby directed to take possession of all the arms now in the possession of the collectors of Jeffersonville and New Albany, Indiana, and of the arms in the possession of the custom house officers of this city.

He will receipt for them in behalf of the United States.

By command of Brigadier General Sherman :

OLIVER D. GREENE,
Assistant Adjutant General.

SPECIAL ORDERS }
 No. 67. }

HEADQUARTERS,
 DEPARTMENT OF THE CUMBERLAND,
Louisville, Ky., October 22, 1861.

I...Brigadier General Negley's brigade of Pennsylvania Reserves will proceed, *via* Louisville and Nashville railroad, as soon as practicable, to the camp on Nolin River. General Negley will report in person upon his arrival in camp to Brigadier General McCook, commanding, for further orders.

II...Colonel G. W. Hazzard, of the 37th Indiana, will proceed with his regiment to the mouth of Salt River, and take post at that point.

III...Colonel Van Cleve, 2d Minnesota regiment, Volunteers, will proceed, *via* Louisville and Nashville railroad, to Lebanon Junction and relieve the 19th Illinois regiment, which, upon being relieved, will take post at Elizabethtown.

IV...The detachment of Colonel Whittaker's regiment, Kentucky Volunteers, now at Elizabethtown, will, upon the arrival of Colonel Turchin's 19th Illinois regiment, proceed to the camp on Nolin River, and join General Rousseau's brigade.

V...The Quartermaster's and Commissary Departments will make all the necessary preparations for the transportation and subsistence in these movements without unnecessary delay.

By command of Brigadier General Sherman :

OLIVER D. GREENE,
Assistant Adjutant General.

SPECIAL ORDERS }
 No. 74. }

HEADQUARTERS,
 DEPARTMENT OF THE CUMBERLAND,
Louisville, Ky., October 27, 1861.

I...The 9th Michigan regiment of Volunteers, (Colonel Duffield,) now at Jeffersonville, Indiana, will, upon receipt of this order, proceed without delay to the mouth of Salt River, and take post at that point. Upon arriving, Colonel Duffield will report to Colonel Hazzard, of the 37th Indiana regiment, for further orders and instructions.

II...The Quartermaster in this city will furnish the necessary transportation.

III...Captain N. Michler, Topographical Engineers, will proceed by the same boat, and will superintend the erection of such field works as may be necessary for the defense of the position.

The commanding officer at the mouth of Salt River will afford Captain Michler all necessary assistance.

By command of Brigadier General Sherman :

OLIVER D. GREENE,
Assistant Adjutant General.

SPECIAL ORDERS }
No. 80. }

HEADQUARTERS,
DEPARTMENT OF THE CUMBERLAND,
Louisville, Ky., November 2, 1861.

Mr. John B. Anderson is hereby appointed Superintendent of Transportation on the Louisville and Nashville railroad, and will have the entire charge of the supply trains running on the road.

He is authorized to call for assistance at any time upon the nearest military commander, who is enjoined to furnish the required aid with the utmost promptness the nature of the circumstances will permit.

By command of Brigadier General Sherman :

OLIVER D. GREENE,
Assistant Adjutant General.

SPECIAL ORDERS }
No. 88. }

HEADQUARTERS,
DEPARTMENT OF THE CUMBERLAND,
Louisville, Ky., November 6, 1861.

I...Colonel W. P. Boone, of the Kentucky Volunteers, is charged with the safety of the railroad bridge at Shepardsville, Kentucky. He will immediately, upon receipt of this order, detail a sufficient force from his regiment for that purpose.

II...Upon the arrival of this force at the bridge, Captain Richard Lee's company of Colonel Whittaker's regiment of Kentucky Volunteers will proceed without delay to the camp of the regiment at Eminence, Kentucky, and Captain Lee will report his company for duty with the regiment.

By command of Brigadier General Sherman :

OLIVER D. GREENE,
Assistant Adjutant General.

SPECIAL ORDERS }
 No. 89. }

HEADQUARTERS,
 DEPARTMENT OF THE CUMBERLAND,
Louisville, Ky., November 8, 1861.

I....Colonel Stanley's 18th and Colonel Smith's 1st Ohio Volunteers will proceed without delay by land to the mouth of Salt River. Upon arrival, the regiments will be reported to Colonel G. W. Hazzard, 37th Indiana Volunteers, commanding at that point, by the senior officer of the command.

II....Captain F. W. Graham, Indiana Volunteer Cavalry, will report his squadron for duty to Colonel Stanley, and will accompany the above movement.

On arriving at Salt River he will report his command to Colonel G. W. Hazzard, commanding.

By command of Brigadier General Sherman :

OLIVER D. GREENE,
Assistant Adjutant General.

SPECIAL ORDERS }
 No. 97. }

HEADQUARTERS,
 DEPARTMENT OF THE CUMBERLAND,
Louisville, Ky., November 10, 1861.

I....The 10th Indiana (Colonel Manson's) regiment Volunteers will march at as early an hour to-morrow as practicable, and take post at or near Shepardsville, on the north side of the Salt River.

II....The baggage of the regiment and the sick will be sent by a special train of cars. The regiment will march with its wagons, taking one day's rations.

III....The Quartermaster in this city will supply the train of cars.

By command of Brigadier General Sherman :

OLIVER D. GREENE,
Assistant Adjutant General.

SPECIAL ORDERS }
 No. 98. }

HEADQUARTERS,
 DEPARTMENT OF THE CUMBERLAND,
Louisville, Ky., November 11, 1861.

I...Colonel Hazzard's 37th Indiana, Colonel Stanley's 18th Ohio, and Colonel Smith's 1st Ohio, regiments of Volunteers, will march without delay from their camp at the mouth of Salt River and take

post at Elizabethtown on the Louisville and Nashville railroad. On arriving, the senior officer of the command will report its arrival to Brigadier General McCook, commanding Camp Nevin.

II...The Commissary Department will keep a depot of at least 50,000 rations at Elizabethtown until further orders.

By command of Brigadier General Sherman :

OLIVER D. GREENE,
Assistant Adjutant General.

SPECIAL ORDERS }
No. 99. }

HEADQUARTERS,
DEPARTMENT OF THE CUMBERLAND,
Louisville, Ky., November 11, 1861.

Special Orders No. 97, current series, from these Headquarters, is hereby countermanded.

The 10th (Colonel Manson's) Indiana Regiment of Volunteers, will march without delay from Bardstown to New Haven on the Lebanon branch of the Louisville and Nashville railroad.

By command of Brigadier General Sherman :

OLIVER D. GREENE,
Assistant Adjutant General.

SPECIAL ORDERS }
No. 105. }

HEADQUARTERS,
DEPARTMENT OF THE CUMBERLAND,
Louisville, Ky., November 15, 1861.

I...Captain H. C. Symonds, Chief Commissary of this Department, is hereby directed to establish a depot of 200,000 rations at West Point, mouth of Salt River, and this depot will be kept at that standard, or as nearly so as practicable.

II...Captain Symonds is also directed to see that all the regiments in the Department are supplied with ten days' rations in advance, and that they are kept so supplied, as nearly as practicable, until further orders.

By command of Brigadier General Sherman :

OLIVER D. GREENE,
Assistant Adjutant General.

FIRST DIVISION—ARMY OF THE TENNESSEE.

ORDERS No. 1. } HEADQUARTERS FIRST DIVISION,
March 9, 1862.

The organization of brigades at Paducah will remain substantially the same on the present expedition, viz:—

First Brigade, Colonel Hicks commanding.

40th Illinois Volunteers, Colonel S. G. Hicks.
46th Ohio Volunteers, Colonel Worthington.
Morton's Indiana Battery.

Second Brigade, Colonel Stuart commanding.

55th Illinois Volunteers, Colonel D. Stuart.
71st Ohio Volunteers, Colonel Mason.
54th Ohio Volunteers, Colonel T. K. Smith.

Third Brigade, Colonel Hildebrand commanding.

77th Ohio Volunteers, Colonel Hildebrand.
57th Ohio Volunteers, Colonel Mungen.
53d Ohio Volunteers, Colonel Appler.

Fourth Brigade, Colonel Buckland commanding.

72d Ohio Volunteers, Colonel Buckland.
48th Ohio Volunteers, Colonel Sullivan.
70th Ohio Volunteers, Colonel Cockerill.

The 5th Ohio Cavalry will not be brigaded. Morning Field Reports will be required daily from each brigade, and, if possible, before 10 A. M.

The several brigades will move on boats in the order of rank as above, and the boats of each brigade will move together.

By order of Brigadier General W. T. Sherman,
Commanding 1st Division:

J. H. HAMMOND,
Assistant Adjutant General.

GENERAL ORDERS } HEADQUARTERS FIRST DIVISION,
 No. 2. } *March 10, 1862.*

Much delay and great trouble having been caused by the failure of a brigade commander to communicate to the officers of his brigade orders from Headquarters, it is hereby especially enjoined on each head of a brigade that he must issue to those under him, as soon as possible after reception, each and every order from the Major General commanding, or from the Headquarters of the Division.

By order of Brigadier General W. T. Sherman :

J. H. HAMMOND,
Assistant Adjutant General.

ORDERS No. 3. } HEADQUARTERS FIRST DIVISION,
 STEAMER CONTINENTAL, *March 10, 1862.*

The boats of this Division, on seeing the "Continental" fire up, will do the same, and will push off and follow in the following order:—

The Continental, (Headquarters of Division.)

First Brigade.—Sallie List, Golden Gate, J. B. Adams, and Lancaster.

Second Brigade.—Hannibal, Universe, Hazel Dell, Cheeseman, and Prairie Rose.

Third Brigade.—Poland, Anglo Saxon, Ohio No. 3, and Continental (detached.)

Fourth Brigade.—Empress, Baltic, Shenango, and Marengo.

By order of Brigadier General W. T. Sherman :

J. H. HAMMOND,
Assistant Adjutant General.

ORDERS No. 6. } HEADQUARTERS FIRST DIVISION,
 STEAMER CONTINENTAL, *March 12, 1862.*

To insure regularity and efficiency of supplies, each brigade will appoint an officer to act as Brigade Commissary. This officer will ascertain the approximate strength of his command, and will draw from the depot at least two days' supplies in bulk, receipting therefor. Each Regimental Commissary will make a regimental return of provisions, approved by the Brigade Commander, upon which

the issue will be made to be distributed to the several companies. Brigade Commanders will be held responsible that their brigades have on hand at all times not less than three days' provisions in possession of the regiments or companies. To facilitate issues, as long as the command is on board of steamboats, the boats of the same brigade (and also of the Division when practicable) *must* lie together. Therefore the Brigade Commander's boat must lead, and when he makes a landing the succeeding boats must follow him.

II...In like manner should be appointed to each brigade, by the commander thereof, a Brigade Quartermaster, who will supply the regiments of his brigade with wood, straw, and forage, and have charge of any wagons or horses that may be captured or taken for the use of the Army. When forage can be purchased the Brigade Quartermaster will receipt for the forage, specifying the brigade and division for which it is designed, with the price agreed on. He will account for the forage on his quarterly return, specifying from whom it was received. If the owner of forage be unwilling to sell, and in the opinion of the commanding officer then present it be necessary for the use of the Army, then the Brigade Quartermaster will take it, and leave a receipt, to be settled by the Chief Quartermaster, or to form the basis of claim against the Government at the close of the War. In all cases Brigade Quartermasters will take up on their returns all forage, &c., thus taken, and issue in the same manner as other public stores.

By order of Brigadier General W. T. Sherman :

J. H. HAMMOND,

Assistant Adjutant General.

ORDERS No. 7. } HEADQUARTERS FIRST DIVISION,
STEAMER CONTINENTAL, *March 13, 1862.*

When the gun-boat leaves, followed by the Continental, the Division will move in the order heretofore named, (see Order No. 3, of March 10,) keeping well together, and leaving an interval of at least three hundred yards between brigades. Should a boat fall out, the others will proceed, *leaving a space for her to return.*

II...Every Colonel of a regiment will be held responsible that his command is supplied with forty rounds of ammunition in the cartridge boxes, that all the able-bodied men are prepared to march

with blankets and two days' rations in their haversacks, without wagons or any transportation, and that twenty men of each regiment carry axes slung on their persons, and that axes be distributed to the leading companies. On all marches, halts, or in action, officers and men must keep their places at all times, and in the event of not receiving orders, each regiment will follow its leader.

III...In case a landing is made, it may be ordered by the rear, in which case the brigades will march left in front, and regiments will disembark and march by the left flank. Officers and men must be cautioned to obey orders *without question*. The objects to be accomplished are special and different from what they expect, but are a part of a grand design devised by the same mind that planned the victories of Forts Henry and Donelson, and led to the evacuation of Columbus and Nashville without a blow. Commanders of brigades and Colonels of regiments will alone be advised of the plan and the object of the expedition.

The Commanding General enjoins silence at all times, that orders may be heard. Nothing so soon produces disorder and defeat as the habit of talking in the ranks, shouting, and noise. If orders cannot be heard, defeat and ruin follow. Silence and celerity of movements are the best means to secure success and victory.

If any officer or soldier leaves the ranks without the permission of his captain, or if they engage in or permit acts of pillage and plunder, they will surely be punished.

The laws of Congress make pillage punishable by death, but the disgrace which attends the practice attaches itself to the cause, and prevents that respect with which it should be our aim to impress our enemies now, who must become our friends before peace can be hoped for.

This order must be read to each company of each regiment, and that immediately.

Orders from these Headquarters are always to be distributed through Brigade Headquarters to the regiments, and through them to the companies.

This rule is absolute and must be complied with.

By order of Brigadier General W. T. Sherman :

J. H. HAMMOND,
Assistant Adjutant General.

ORDERS No. 8. } HEADQUARTERS FIRST DIVISION,
STEAMER CONTINENTAL, *March 14, 1862.*

The following officers are announced as the Staff of this Division:—

Captain J. H. Hammond, Assistant Adjutant General.

Surgeon W. D. Hartshorn.

Surgeon Samuel L'Hommedieu.

Lieutenant Colonel M. B. Hascall, 48th Indiana.

Major D. W. Sanger, 55th Illinois.

Lieutenant J. C. McCoy, 54th Ohio.

Lieutenant J. Taylor, 5th Ohio Cavalry.

They will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

By order of Brigadier General W. T. Sherman:

J. H. HAMMOND,

Assistant Adjutant General.

ORDERS No. 10. } HEADQUARTERS FIRST DIVISION,
March 16, 1862.

I...Colonel J. A. McDowell, 6th Iowa Volunteers, pursuant to orders from Major General C. F. Smith, having reported for duty, is assigned to the 1st Brigade, and being the senior officer will at once assume command of the brigade.

II...The Cavalry and Artillery will land as soon as practicable.

By order of Brigadier General W. T. Sherman:

J. H. HAMMOND,

Assistant Adjutant General.

ORDERS No. 11. } HEADQUARTERS FIRST DIVISION,
STEAMBOAT CONTINENTAL, *March 16, 1862.*

Captain Stone's Battery, on the steamer Horizon, is placed under command of Colonel Stuart, commanding 2d Brigade.

II...The six companies Ohio Cavalry, Major Ricker commanding, on the steamers Diamond and Edward Walsh, are attached to the 3d Brigade, Colonel Hildebrand commanding.

III...Commanders of brigades will at once see that the Colonels of the respective regiments have good roads made from the boats to the plateau above the river.

By order of Brigadier General W. T. Sherman:

J. H. HAMMOND,

Assistant Adjutant General.

ORDERS No. 12. } HEADQUARTERS FIRST DIVISION,
PITTSBURG, TENNESSEE, *March 16, 1862.*

The four brigades of this Division will march from Pittsburg, on the Corinth road, armed and equipped for a two days' march, in the following order: The 1st Brigade will move at midnight to-night; the 2d Brigade, at 1 A. M.; the 3d, at 4 A. M.; and the 4th, at daylight. The head of column will have a guide, and will move by way of Bethel, the Bark road, Jack Chamber's farm, and take position at some point about ten miles out, to cover reconnoissance of Cavalry. The column will move slow and deliberately, with advance guard and flankers, and in case of attack each brigade or regiment will send word to the rear and defend their ground. Commanders of brigades will at once report to the Commanding General and receive full instructions.

He will, after seeing the brigades fairly started, join the advance.

The Commanding General again cautions the commanders of brigades, regiments and companies to keep in good, close order, to prevent even marching by side paths, but to keep in ranks as on parades.

Frequent rests by brigades should be ordered; the progress about two miles per hour. Troops marching thus make a better impression than when they straggle on the road. Guides will be provided as far as possible, but commanders of brigades may impress citizens as guides, to be treated *kindly but firmly*.

By order of Brigadier General W. T. Sherman:

J. H. HAMMOND,
Assistant Adjutant General.

ORDERS No. 13. } HEADQUARTERS FIRST DIVISION,
STEAMBOAT CONTINENTAL, *March 17, 1862.*

I...The division of General Hurlbut will disembark and establish its camp on a line perpendicular to the road about one mile distant from the river. After establishing the line, details will be sent back to the boats to debark the transportation, stores, &c.

II...The men must be kept to their proper places, and no soldier shall pass the line without being sent on duty by the proper authority. The Artillery and Cavalry of the command will also disembark and encamp at points designated by the Commanding General.

III...General Sherman's division will remain on board transports and hold themselves in readiness to move promptly in any direction by land or water.

IV...The boats at the landing will give place to those having on board the division of General Hurlbut, in order to facilitate their landing the troops.

V...No citizen will be allowed to come within the lines, and the guards will be carefully instructed to make prisoners of all found lurking in the neighboring country, unless they are on their own farm and at their own work, in which case they must be encouraged and protected. Wagons loaded with forage will be allowed to come as far as the lines, but must not come inside the lines.

The 20th Ohio Volunteers will also disembark and encamp on the ridge to the south of the landing.

By order of Brigadier General W. T. Sherman :

J. H. HAMMOND,
Assistant Adjutant General.

ORDERS No. 14. }

HEADQUARTERS,
PITTSBURG, *March 19, 1862.*

It is strictly enjoined on every commissioned officer of this command to prevent the shooting of guns except as hereinafter explained. Colonels of regiments will be held responsible for the cartridges issued to their commands, and will see that their Captains are held responsible, and will charge ten cents per cartridge for all cartridges not accounted for by their men.

Guards will discharge their guns between ten and eleven A. M., under the charge of a commissioned officer, and at no other time.

By order of Brigadier General W. T. Sherman :

J. H. HAMMOND,
Assistant Adjutant General.

ORDERS No. 15. }

HEADQUARTERS,
PITTSBURG, *March 19, 1862.*

I...The 1st Division will occupy the front lines of this camp. The 1st Brigade will occupy the ridge on the Purdy road, about abreast of the Shiloh Chapel.

II...The 2d Brigade will camp on the Hamburg road, where the Purdy road comes in near Colonel Stuart's Headquarters.

III...The 3d Brigade will camp on the left of the Corinth road, its right near the Shiloh Chapel.

IV...The 4th Brigade will encamp on the right centre, its left reaching to Shiloh Chapel.

V...Each brigade must encamp looking west so that when the regiments are on their regimental parades the brigades will be in line of battle. The interval between regiments must not exceed twenty-two (22) paces. Convenience of water may be considered, but must not control the position of the camp.

VI...The Cavalry and Artillery need not be in line, but will be stationed as the nature of the ground may admit.

By order of Brigadier General W. T. Sherman :

J. H. HAMMOND,
Assistant Adjutant General.

ORDERS No. 16. } HEADQUARTERS,
PITTSBURG, *March* 20, 1862.

The steamer Hannibal is announced as the store boat of the 1st Division; Captain Morton, Commissary of Subsistence, in charge.

II...There will be a guard of a full company stationed on board, detailed weekly, beginning with to-day, and commencing with a detail from the 1st Brigade. From this company will be detailed daily a guard of one non-commissioned officer and ten men, to be posted at the Commanding General's Headquarters.

III...The guard on board the Hannibal will, in addition to guarding the gangway and boat, assist in receiving and discharging stores. Whenever a Brigade Commissary sends for a requisition of supplies he must send a detail of men from his brigade to receive them and load his wagons.

IV...When stores arrive for the steamboat, Captain Morton will send timely notice that a detail may be sent for to one or the other of the brigades of this Division.

By order of Brigadier General W. T. Sherman :

J. H. HAMMOND,
Assistant Adjutant General.

ORDERS No. 17. } HEADQUARTERS FIRST DIVISION,
PITTSBURG LANDING, *March 22, 1862.*

Lieutenant W. A. Strong, 72d Ohio Volunteer Infantry, is hereby appointed Acting Division Quartermaster, and will be respected accordingly.

Brigade Quartermasters in this Division will return to him the exact number of animals in their respective brigades entitled to forage, and will make timely requisitions for the necessary forage. All returns for forage must specify the number of animals drawn for, and number of days, which returns must be approved at Division Headquarters. When forage is drawn, the Division Quartermaster will fill up the return before issue, according to the kind and amount on hand, so that it is fairly distributed.

By order of Brigadier General W. T. Sherman :

J. H. HAMMOND,
Assistant Adjutant General.

ORDERS No. 18. } HEADQUARTERS FIRST DIVISION,
CAMP SHILOH, TENNESSEE, *March 23, 1862.*

Before a General Court Martial assembled at Pittsburg Landing, Tennessee, on board the transport steamer Hannibal, pursuant to Orders No. 9, current series, was arraigned and tried—

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II...The General commanding the division will remark that all the sentences are mild. He is aware that many cases of pillage have occurred in the vicinity of Pittsburg, in comparison with which these are mild, but these cases come within his own observation—other officers have failed to report any. It is the duty of all officers in this Department to lend their cheerful aid in carrying out the orders of General Halleck in regard to pillage, which involves a high principle: If we cannot restrain our soldiers from pillage, if we cannot compel them to obey the laws of peace and war, how can we expect the people to return to their allegiance? By robbing, we give color to the charge that we come to plunder and destroy, when we profess to come to restore the supremacy of the Constitution and the laws. Our army is well paid, clothed and fed, and there is not a soldier in camp whose necessities urge him to plunder.

When provisions fall short, or any real want overtakes the army, the commanding officers are the proper parties to determine the mode and the manner in which private property shall be taken and distributed.

The honor and reputation of every good soldier is tainted by the acts of the very few who do these deeds of pillage, and the Commanding General appeals not only to the officers, whose duty it is, but to the soldiers themselves, to check this mischievous habit on the part of a very small part of their fellows.

Let us respect private property, and if the effects of some secessionists should even escape for a time, it will still be liable to confiscation, as the civil courts follow in our train. We have a higher mission than to destroy the petty property of the families of our enemies. We never can expect the people to return to their homage, stript and plundered of all they hold dear and valuable, and we may count one or more inveterate enemies for every house that is entered and despoiled.

III...The Court Martial having disposed of the cases before it, is hereby dissolved.

By order of Brigadier General Sherman :

J. H. HAMMOND,

Assistant Adjutant General.

ORDERS No. 19. } HEADQUARTERS FIFTH DIVISION,
ARMY IN THE FIELD, *April 4, 1862.*

I...In case of alarm, night or day, regiments and brigades should form promptly on their parades and await orders. Of course, if attacked, the immediate commanders present must give the necessary orders for defense.

II...In case of an attack on the advance pickets, they should fire and fall back on the guard posted between them and the main brigade guard. This guard should hold its ground, and, if necessary, be reinforced from the nearest regiment by the Brigadier. But in no event should a Brigadier go beyond his advance pickets without orders of the Division Commander. By being thus drawn forward we lose the advantage of position and Artillery. The Brigade Commander should remain with his brigade and direct its movements.

III...One regiment to-day went out in gray flannel shirts, which, at a distance of 100 yards, resemble the secession uniform. Commanders of regiments must never leave their camps for action unless their men wear the *blue coat*, jacket or blouse.

IV...Detachments should be made as seldom as possible, and then chiefly to guard points along a plain road. There is more danger in sending a single company off to the right or left of a marching column than in receiving the fire of a regiment. These conclusions were illustrated by the events of to-day.

By order of Brigadier General W. T. Sherman:

J. H. HAMMOND,
Assistant Adjutant General.

ORDERS No. 20. } HEADQUARTERS FIFTH DIVISION,
CAMP SHILOH, April 12, 1862.

Each brigade of this Division will detail daily three companies, one from each regiment of their brigade, as a grand guard. These guards will be so posted as to cover their brigade fronts.

2. The Cavalry of the Division will furnish daily a picket of one officer and twenty-five men, to be always posted well in advance of the Infantry guards, the officer to receive his orders from the Commanding General before being posted.

3. The 1st Brigade will keep a strong guard at the Purdy Bridge, over Owl Creek, with picket extending forward as far as prudence will admit.

4. The 4th Brigade will post a guard of at least one company about a mile in front, with pickets half a mile further in the woods, south of Owl Creek, and near the large field where the Confederate hospital was situated.

5. The 3d Brigade will keep a guard of at least one company at the "Lee Place," with the pickets out along the main Corinth road as far as the hospital and beyond.

6. The 2d Brigade will keep a guard near the extremity of the open ground to their left front, with pickets out connecting with those of the 3d Brigade.

7. All false alarms must be avoided. In case the enemy's Cavalry approach, the pickets should take shelter, fire on the Cavalry, and

drive them back. If threatened by superior force, or by the enemy's Infantry, they fall back slowly, taking advantage of all shelter, on the main guard. The main guard should send word back to their respective Brigade Commanders, and hold their ground to give time for the formation of the main lines of defense.

8. In case of a renewed attack by the enemy, our front line of defense must be held at all hazards, and no regiment should fall back without orders from the Division Commander. Supports of Infantry and Artillery are close at hand, and will always be brought up from the rear as fast as necessary.

9. The commanding officer of each brigade guard will permit no person, citizen, or soldier, to pass their lines, out or in, without the written authority of some superior, unless it be Cavalry pickets and escorts sent out for some specific purposes. All citizens or soldiers attempting to pass the lines, out or in, must be kept as prisoners and sent in under escort to their Brigade Commanders. A written report of each brigade guard must be made and sent by the Brigadiers to these Headquarters.

10. The muskets of the men must be kept clean and unloaded. The advance guard and pickets will load on being posted, and will discharge the muskets by volley, on being relieved, about 10 A. M., and at no other time.

11. Each Brigade Commander will examine carefully his immediate front; fell trees to afford his men a barricade, and clear away all underbrush for 200 yards in front so as to uncover an approaching enemy. With these precautions we can hold our camp against any amount of force that can be brought against us. The experience of the last battle must convince the wavering that in organization is safety, and any officer or soldier who is out of his place in the ranks is worse than an open enemy, and must be shot. Colonels of regiments must see that their file closers are instructed on this point, and that they execute summary punishment on any miscreant that dares break his ranks.

12. Men must not leave their ranks to remove the wounded. The wounded will be looked to as soon after the cessation of firing as the Colonel may order, and any man who leaves his ranks on the plea of sheltering or relieving the wounded while his company or regiment is engaged, must be treated as a fugitive and summarily punished. The safety of this army and the only chance of success

is in our keeping our brigades and regiments compact and in good order, and any Colonel who allows his regiment to fall into disorder, from any pretext whatever, shall be disgraced.

13. Each regiment will keep on hand cartridges at the rate of 100 per man, forty always in the cartridge boxes and from forty to sixty near at hand, or in the pockets and haversacks of the men. Also, more care must be given to instruct the men never to fire without seeing the enemy. When the smoke hangs low or bushes intervene the men must be cautioned to fire low. All discharges of muskets at the moon or tops of trees are not only wasted, but they deceive the Generals, who have a right to judge of the execution by the fire of their men.

By order of Brigadier General W. T. Sherman :

J. H. HAMMOND,

Assistant Adjutant General.

ORDERS No. 21. } HEADQUARTERS FIFTH DIVISION,
GRANT'S CORPS D'ARMÉE, April 25, 1862.

The importance of brigade drill is such that the Commanding General will permit no officer or soldier to be absent if he can possibly be on the ground, either in the ranks, armed or unarmed, or a witness.

Officers to be excused must be in hospital, or excused by the Division Surgeon, Dr. Hartshorn. Soldiers to be excused must be in hospital, on picket, or a sentinel on post. The camp guard, except sentinels on post, and all working parties, must be called in and put on drill, unless by an order in writing from the Commanding General.

No Colonel of a regiment or Captain of a company will undertake to excuse from drill. If the men are unable to bear arms they will form on the left of the company unarmed. If not in hospital but suffering from diarrhœa, they can be hauled to the drill ground in a wagon by the Colonel's order, and there they must be silent and observe the movements of the Division. Drill will take place daily at 3 P. M., unless it be actually raining.

By order of Brigadier General W. T. Sherman :

J. H. HAMMOND,

Assistant Adjutant General.

ORDERS No. 22. } HEADQUARTERS FIFTH DIVISION,
GRANT'S CORPS D'ARMEE, *April 28, 1862.*

I...All the troops of this Division will make immediate preparations to march, and will be prepared to move at 10 o'clock to-morrow morning. At least three days' rations and forage will be taken along.

II...The allowance of tents will be two to each company, one to the field and staff of each regiment, two to the Brigade Headquarters, and three to the Division. All surplus baggage, together with the sick, and all incumbrances of every kind, must be left behind, and the troops be prepared for active service.

III...Each regiment must have on hand 100 rounds of cartridges for each man, and another 100 rounds per man must follow in wagons. The 13 wagons of the regiments will be distributed as follows: one to each company, one to the regimental field and staff, one to the Surgeon, and one loaded with cartridges.

IV...The habitual order of march will be as follows:—

1st. Brigade, with Morton's Battery.

2d. Bouton's Battery.

3d. Buckland's Brigade.

4th. Major Taylor and two Batteries.

5th. Hildebrand's Brigade.

6th. Stuart's Brigade and one battery to be designated by Major Taylor. Silfversparre's Battery of 20-pound Parrott guns will for the present remain in camp.

V...Colonels of regiments will designate some sick officer who will remain in their camps to strike all tents, gather all regimental property, and remain in charge of it until further orders.

VI...The Division Surgeon, Dr. Hartshorn, will designate at least one medical officer to attend each regiment on its march, and leave a sufficient number with the necessary medicines and stores to attend the sick left behind.

VII...The 1st Brigade will leave its camp at 10 A. M., march to Shiloh and take the Corinth road. The other brigades and batteries will be prepared to follow in the order above named. Brigade commanders will call in their guards and pickets about 7 A. M.

By order of Brigadier General W. T. Sherman:

J. H. HAMMOND,
Assistant Adjutant General.

ORDERS No. 23. } HEADQUARTERS FIFTH DIVISION,
 ARMY OF THE TENNESSEE,
Camp No. 1, April 30, 1862.

The officers and men of this Division must now bear in mind that we are in an enemy's country; that at any moment we may be assailed, or be called upon to assail our enemy, or repair to the assistance of our friends. Officers and soldiers must stay in their regimental or company camps. The habit of wandering must be stopped, and all must bear in mind that we are not here to satisfy our individual pleasure, but to maintain the honor and character of a great nation, of which we must have just cause to be proud. Arms will be habitually stacked in line of battle, a sentinel per company over them. In rainy weather they will be taken inside of the company tents. Every soldier must clean his musket and see that its vent is clear each day early; he must then see to his shoes, to his clothing, his haversack and canteen. Every soldier should, at all times, have some meat and bread in his haversack, water in his canteen, and cartridges on his person, besides those in the cartridge-boxes. Each Brigadier must exercise his brigade at least once each day, and every Colonel must drill his regiment daily, and every commander of a company must practice his men all the time at the manual. This not only gives instruction, but makes the men handy with their weapons. Our men want to obey their own will, but have sense enough to know that one man, or ten, or an hundred, can do nothing of service to the country. Results can only be produced by regiments or brigades, therefore officers and men must at all times be with their companies. Immediately on reaching camp, each Colonel or commander of a regiment will select his spring or place for water, put a guard, and, if necessary, a chain of sentinels to it; and immediately on a halt for camp, each Captain, under the direction of the Colonel, will cause a sink to be prepared for his company. These are the first wants.

Regimental guards, of at least one company per regiment, will be detailed daily to guard each regimental camp, and a brigade guard of one company per regiment will be detailed daily and posted under the direction of the Brigadier, or one of his staff, as soon as the brigade halts. Regimental guards will be posted according to Regulations—see "Police Guards." Brigade guards will be posted habitually on the exposed flank, viz: the right, as our Division is

the right wing of the Grand Army. These guards must have their belts and cartridge-boxes on, and be posted according to the ground, at least 300 yards on the exposed flanks, with sentinels thrown forward in groups of three, like skirmishers. The enemy will doubtless endeavor to harass us and cause both real and false alarm. This can only be avoided by preventing straggling and by good guards and sentinels.

The Army Regulations contain perfect instructions for guards and sentinels. Officers in command of guards will be held responsible, with their lives and honors, that these instructions are given to their sentinels, and the Commanding General will call upon officers and sentinels frequently for their orders and instructions, and will not fail to notice the officers who instruct their men.

To prevent straggling, the following rules will be observed: On a march, each company will have two men with their full equipments with their company wagon. These men must be with the wagon and never leave it except in case help is asked by some of the regimental train. All others must be with their companies. In camp, every soldier and company officer will be near his musket, stacked on the color lines or in the company tent. No captain can send his men away. In case it is necessary to send a man away on business, the Brigadier or Colonel, by themselves or one of their staff officers, must give a written pass explaining the object. This pass must be for the occasion and may be in pencil. Soldiers found away from their camps may be arrested by any guard and put to work on roads, digging sinks, gathering wood, water or any useful labor at once, and sent to his proper company at retreat. The three roll calls—reveille, retreat and tattoo—must be strictly attended and absentees punished as above. In flagrant cases, regimental or brigade courts martial will punish by fines and more severe punishment.

In case of alarm, night or day, regiments form on their parades promptly and wait for orders, but any one who occasions false alarms must be promptly punished.

Soldiers of other divisions or brigades found loitering in our camp must be arrested, put to work until retreat, and then allowed to go to their own camps; and the Commanding General will notify other Division Commanders that he will expect the same on their part.

When soldiers or teamsters are noisy, mutinous or abusive, any

officer on the spot must summarily prevent it, by tying them up and using such other means as he may think proper.

The Commanding General believes all this will be unnecessary if company officers will explain to their men the importance of this order. If persuasion will not do, the honor and safety of the army will justify the most extreme measures.

By order of Brigadier General W. T. Sherman :

J. H. HAMMOND,

Assistant Adjutant General.

HEADQUARTERS FIFTH DIVISION,

CAMP No. 3, *May 5.*

[CIRCULAR.]

Our situation, from the rain and road, has become difficult, and it becomes the duty of every officer and man to anticipate our danger and labor. Every ounce of food and forage must be regarded as precious as diamonds. Roads will be impassable and our bridges swept away. General Halleck and our superior officers will do all they can, but their power is limited by nature. We must do our part in full. Men must at once be limited in bread and meat. All live stock in our lines must be driven in and used, and all grass, wheat, and everything fit for forage gathered. Horses will be allowed to browse on bushes, and such as elm, cottonwood, and sassafras gathered for this use at once. Particular attention must be given at once to our roads and defenses. Let every axe and spade be busy. At daybreak a party from each brigade will open a road by clearing the underbrush back to the Ridge road, following the highest ground back to the north and east. In front of the whole line underbrush must be cut to a distance of 300 yards, and heavy logs felled as a breastwork along the front of the Artillery and camps. Pickets, guards, and sentinels must be visited often and the utmost vigilance maintained. Monterey is the key point. We cannot be assailed by Artillery, because the enemy cannot haul it up, but we may be assailed by hordes of Infantry night or day, and therefore vigilance must be kept at all times, and any neglect promptly punished. If any sentinel will not be wakeful and intelligent he must be made to work.

Our right is the point of danger, and will receive the personal attention of the General, but he can do nothing unless his orders

are strictly observed, and these are—that all articles of provision and forage be put under guard and dealt out at half rations; that the guard to our front be prepared with log breastworks and defenses, and underbrush cleared to our rear to admit of prompt and easy communication, not to retreat on but to afford means of drawing assistance, if necessary, and to move regiments from one point to another of our lines if need be.

Orders heretofore issued cover the whole ground, and this is only meant to remind all of their importance. Maps will at once be prepared and sent to Brigadiers, who should furnish Colonels and subordinates with copies.

By order of Brigadier General W. T. Sherman :

J. H. HAMMOND,
Assistant Adjutant General.

ORDERS No. 24. } HEADQUARTERS CAMP No. 4,
May 7.

To-morrow morning all the commanders of brigades and detachments are directed to have reveille at fifteen minutes before four o'clock. Until further orders after to-morrow, it will be at 4 A. M. The men may retire as early as circumstances will permit.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

J. H. HAMMOND,
Assistant Adjutant General.

ORDERS No. 25. } HEADQUARTERS FIFTH DIVISION,
ARMY OF THE TENNESSEE,
Camp before Corinth, May 13, 1862.

Brigadier General Morgan L. Smith, having been assigned to this Division, and the 8th Missouri regiment transferred in place of the 14th Wisconsin, on detached service, the following changes are made in the Division, to be carried into effect at once. In consequence of the reduced strength of regiments, instead of four brigades there will be three brigades of four regiments each :—

First Brigade.—Brigadier General Morgan L. Smith, commanding—8th Missouri, 55th Illinois, 54th and 57th Ohio.

Second Brigade.—Colonel John A. McDowell, commanding—6th Iowa, 46th Ohio, 40th Illinois and 77th Ohio.

Third Brigade.—Colonel R. P. Buckland, commanding—72d Ohio, 70th Ohio, 48th and 53d Ohio.

The batteries and Cavalry will remain unattached as heretofore, and make reports direct to Headquarters, but Major Taylor will habitually keep one battery with each brigade unless specially detached by General Orders.

The regiments hereby changed in their brigade organization will at once be conducted into line of their new brigades, their commanders reporting to their new Brigadiers.

The officers commanding brigades will forthwith acquaint themselves with the actual condition of their commands as to numbers, arms, ammunition, transportation, &c., and any wants will be supplied on proper requisitions.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

J. H. HAMMOND,
Assistant Adjutant General.

ORDERS No. 26. } HEADQUARTERS FIFTH DIVISION,
ARMY OF THE TENNESSEE,
Camp before Corinth, May 14, 1862.

Brigadier General J. W. Denver, having reported to these Headquarters, is hereby assigned to the command of the 3d Brigade.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

J. H. HAMMOND,
Assistant Adjutant General.

GENERAL ORDERS } HEADQUARTERS FIFTH DIVISION,
ARMY OF THE TENNESSEE,
No. 27. } *Camp No. 6, near Corinth, May 15, 1862.*

Details for guards and pickets should be made at evening parade and guards assembled at guard mounting at about 7 o'clock, after breakfast. When in bivouac or camp the guards and sentinels should be posted at that hour. When on a march the guard should be assembled as soon as the command halts and the camp is fixed, and the guards and sentinels should at once be posted.

Officers commanding guards should study their ground carefully and well, and explain to the sentinels the points to be particularly watched, and the cover they should take if threatened or attacked.

Guards should be carefully instructed, as the safety of all depends upon their fidelity and watchfulness.

A field officer-of-the-day will be detailed, who will receive instructions from the Commanding General. He will see that our pickets connect with those of the adjacent divisions and with each other. The picket guard will be mounted by brigade and will consist of one company per regiment; and, when reinforced by special details, those details should have credit for a regular tour.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman:

J. H. HAMMOND,
Assistant Adjutant General.

ORDERS No. 28. } HEADQUARTERS FIFTH DIVISION,
ARMY OF THE TENNESSEE,
Camp No. 6, May 18, 1862.

The 6th Missouri regiment Volunteers, Colonel Bland commanding, having reported at these Headquarters, is hereby assigned to the 1st Brigade, General Morgan L. Smith commanding, and will report immediately.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman:

J. H. HAMMOND,
Assistant Adjutant General.

ORDERS No. 29. } HEADQUARTERS FIFTH DIVISION,
ARMY OF THE TENNESSEE,
Camp No. 6, May 18, 1862.

Brigadier Generals and commanders of detached corps are hereby directed to make inquiry as to the authority by which commissioned officers are absent. Such as are found to be absent without leave will immediately be reported as deserters on the morning report and muster and pay-rolls, and the Colonels of regiments are directed to recommend proper persons to fill their places at once.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman:

J. H. HAMMOND,
Assistant Adjutant General.

ORDERS No. 30. } HEADQUARTERS FIFTH DIVISION,
 ARMY OF THE TENNESSEE,
Camp before Corinth, May 31, 1862.

The General commanding 5th Division, Right Wing, takes this occasion to express to the officers and men of his command his great satisfaction with them for the courage, steadiness and great industry displayed by them during the past month. Since leaving our memorable camp at Shiloh, we have occupied and strongly intrenched seven distinct camps in a manner to excite the admiration and high commendation of General Halleck. The Division has occupied the right flank of the Grand Army, thereby being more exposed and calling for more hard work and larger guard details than from any other single division, and the Commanding General reports that his officers and men have promptly and cheerfully fulfilled their duty, and have sprung to the musket or spade according to the occasion, and have just reason to claim a large share in the honors that are due the whole Army for the glorious victory terminating at Corinth on yesterday, and it affords him great pleasure to bear full and willing testimony to the qualities of his command that have achieved this victory—a victory none the less decisive because attended with comparatively little loss of life. But a few days ago a large and powerful rebel army lay at Corinth, with outposts extending to our very camp at Shiloh. They held two railroads extending north and south, east and west, across the whole extent of their country, with a vast number of locomotives and cars to bring to them speedily and certainly their reinforcements and supplies. They called to their aid all their armies from every quarter, abandoning the seacoast and the great River Mississippi that they might overwhelm us with numbers in the place of their own choosing. They had their chosen leaders—men of high reputation and courage—and they dared us to leave the cover of our iron-clad gunboats to come and fight them in their trenches and still more dangerous ambuscades of their southern swamps and forests. Their whole country, from Richmond to Memphis, and from Nashville to Mobile, rung with their taunts and boastings, as to how they would immolate the Yankees if they dared to leave the Tennessee River. They boldly and defiantly challenged us to meet them at Corinth. We accepted the challenge and came slowly and without attempt at concealment to the very ground of their selection, and

they have fled away. We yesterday marched unopposed through the burning embers of their destroyed camps and property, and pursued them to their swamps, until burning bridges plainly confessed they had fled and not marched away for better ground. It is a victory as brilliant and important as any recorded in history, and every officer and soldier who has lent his aid has just reason to be proud of his part. No amount of sophistry or words from the leaders of the rebellion can succeed in giving the evacuation of Corinth, under the circumstances, any other title than that of a signal defeat, more humiliating to them and their cause than if we had entered the place over the dead and mangled bodies of their soldiers. We are not here to kill and slay, but to vindicate the honor and just authority of that Government which has been bequeathed to us by our honored fathers, and to whom we would be recreant if we permitted their work to pass to our children marred and spoiled by ambitious and wicked rebels.

The General commanding, whilst thus claiming for his Division their just share in this glorious result, must at the same time remind them that much yet remains to be done, and that all must still continue the same vigilance, patience, industry and obedience, till the enemy lays down his arms and publicly acknowledges for their supposed grievances that they must obey the laws of their country and not attempt its overthrow by threats, by cruelty and by war. They must be made to feel and acknowledge the power of a just and mighty nation. This result can only be accomplished by a cheerful and ready obedience to the orders and authority of our leaders, in whom we now have just reason to feel the most implicit confidence. That the 5th Division of the Right Wing will do this, and that in due time we will all go to our families and friends at home, is the earnest prayer and wish of your immediate commander.

W. T. SHERMAN,

Major General.

ORDERS No. 32. } HEADQUARTERS FIFTH DIVISION,
CHEWALLA, TENNESSEE, *June 5, 1862.*

Captain J. Condit Smith, of the Quartermaster's Department, having reported for duty with this Division, is hereby assigned to duty as Division Quartermaster. He will proceed forthwith to the

river at Pittsburg Landing and there organize a division train of seventy-five wagons, load them with provisions and grain, and join the Division wherever it may be with as little delay as possible. Regimental and Brigade Quartermasters will turn over to him any spare wagons and teams they may have, but will employ those on hand in transporting their regimental baggage and provisions as heretofore.

II...The brigade of Colonel McDowell, with the batteries of Artillery now near Corinth, will close up on the rest of the Division following the road to Chewalla, on the ridge south of the Charleston and Memphis railroad, and will take post next to General Denver, facing southwest. Major Taylor will post the batteries of Artillery at commanding points near the intervals of regiments.

III...Brigadiers will at once order forward to this camp all the men and officers left behind at our last camp, and will send wagons to bring forward the camp equipage. Any spare teams should be sent to the Landing for stores.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

J. H. HAMMOND,
Assistant Adjutant General.

ORDERS No. 33. } HEADQUARTERS FIFTH DIVISION,
ARMY OF THE TENNESSEE,
Camp Chewalla, June 7, 1862.

The General commanding thinks he observes on the part of officers and men a partial relaxation of that activity and vigilance which characterized his command on the march to Corinth. The enemy's army has fled away, and there is no seeming danger present, but this may not be the real truth, and we must always act on the supposition that the enemy will do his worst, and that he will take advantage of every chance we give him to annoy us, and destroy us or our detachments, on the very first opportunity. Therefore very general attention is again called to the great importance of a proper system of caution and guard, to be observed at all times, whether by the whole Division, by detached brigades, regiments or smaller parties.

1. During all marches, advance guards should be out with flankers when there is the most remote danger of an enemy. Ranks must

be kept, and straggling absolutely prevented. Marches should be made as steady as possible and the men be impressed with the fact that by falling out they only make matters worse to catch up. By keeping a steady pace a weak or sick soldier will experience far less fatigue than if he rests for a time and follows behind. Frequent rests will always be made by the General in command or by Brigadiers, but no subordinate officer must lengthen the column by halts for any cause. If a wagon or gun stalls, or any obstruction offers, details must be made promptly to remove by hand the obstruction, or the Infantry must pass round and leave the obstruction to be removed by the rear guard.

2. As soon as a halt is made, the General, by himself or some of his staff, will indicate to Brigadiers their points, and whether the camp should be in line or column in mass. Brigadiers will in like manner indicate to Colonels the points for their regiments. If accident give one regiment good ground and others bad, Colonels must not change on that or any other account, for order and system alone give strength to an army, and must prevail over mere personal comfort and choice.

3. The moment the ground for a halt or camp is selected, Colonels of regiments or commanders of detachments will at once see his guard established, his arms stacked or arranged under shelter if need be, will cause the watering place to be marked and guarded, and indicate the place for sinks where they cannot be offensive to his own command or that of another.

The company, daily detailed for picket or grand guard, will stand fast under arms and be conducted to the brigade headquarters, and at once established under the direction of the brigade officer-of-the-day, who in his turn will be governed by the order of the general officer-of-the-day. The grand guard must be entirely independent of the interior regimental guard, and is intended to cover the whole camp against the enemy from any and every quarter. Its importance cannot be over estimated, and officers and soldiers must be made to feel that in a good grand guard the safety and comfort of all depends.

If this guard be well posted, instructed, and vigilant, every man can sleep and rest well, but no soldier can have security in his camp or bed in an enemy's country such as we now occupy if he feels that the sentinels are sitting down, careless or asleep.

4. The General will personally direct the posting in camp of the Artillery and Cavalry, which must have the ground adapted to their service. They must guard their own camps and horses, but will not be called on for working details or grand guard, but on halting for camp, the Chief of Cavalry will report in person for instructions as to the Cavalry pickets. Upon their intelligence and vigilance much depends. They are not posted to fight, but for watching the approaches of an enemy at sufficient distance out to give early warning of danger. Generally they will keep under cover themselves, at points where they have a long field or road or path ahead. The picket guard must always keep out vedettes, who must either be in the saddle or standing to horse. They must never allow themselves to be surprised night or day. The officer of picket must always, before resting, make a circuit about his station, so as to be well informed of all approaches as well as roads and paths leading back to camp, and must report to headquarters or to nearest camp all suspicious acts or signs of an enemy. They must, however, be careful to give no unnecessary alarm, as quiet and rest are essential to the health and usefulness of an army.

5. The moment the halt or camp is indicated to a battery of Artillery, the commander will come into battery, unlimber, guns pointed towards the enemy, horses unbridled or unharnessed, as the case may require, guards posted and tarpaulins spread, the water for horses and men looked to, and forage provided. Every opportunity at a halt during a march should be taken advantage of to cut grass, wheat or oats, and extraordinary care taken of the horses, on which every thing depends. The commander should at once study his ground, mark well the field of fire, and improve it by cutting away limbs and bushes or moving logs. There is no branch of service that calls for harder work and keener intelligence than the Artillery, and no excuse will ever be received for the want of a proper degree of foresight in providing for all necessities and preparation at all times for battle.

6. But the grand guard is the most important feature of an army in the field. The instructions laid down in the Army Regulations are minute, and must be carefully studied by all officers and explained to the men. The Commanding General has frequently found sentinels negligent, sitting down or even asleep, and has invariably been told by the sentinel "he did not know any better,"

“had never been told by his officer,” &c., &c. This will never do. Every sentinel must know that at least he should be well armed and wide awake, and the officers should not give the men an opportunity to plead ignorance. Each sentinel should have plain instructions when posted what he should do, especially the points he is to watch : the manner of challenging at night, and the length of his turn of duty. Sergeants and corporals must be active, and must hasten to the sentinel when he calls ; for, if threatened, no sentinel should leave his post ; but the officer commanding the guard should alone judge when a sentinel is too much exposed. Sentinels must be warned against spies, and citizens must not pass within or without our lines without special authority. Better prohibit all citizens from traveling than to allow an enemy to gather information by their spies, who will resort to all manner of cunning to penetrate our camps to judge of our strength and of our plans. When citizens approach our lines they should be politely but firmly told they must go home and stay there. If they have business or information for Headquarters, they should be passed there under guard.

7. As a rule all private property of citizens must be respected ; but if forage or feed be needed, and the parties are unwilling to sell at fair prices, the Division or Brigade Quartermasters and Commissaries may take and account for as though purchased. They will give the owner a receipt for the amount taken, specifying on the face of it that the claim cannot be transferred, and payment will be made at the convenience of the Government on proof of loyalty.

This order will be furnished each regiment and detachment, and read at evening parade. Its contents will be carefully explained to all commanders sent off on working parties and detachments, and no excuse will ever be taken in case of surprise. Armed, equipped and provided as this army is, we must at all hours and all times be prepared for battle or for any of the machinations of a shrewd and desperate enemy.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

J. H. HAMMOND,
Assistant Adjutant General.

ORDERS No. 35. } HEADQUARTERS FIFTH DIVISION,
 ARMY OF THE TENNESSEE,
 June 9, 1862.

The 3d Brigade, General Denver, will move forward on the road to Pocahontas and repair the bridge across Tuscumbia Creek, camping on the east side of the creek, but pushing a strong picket beyond to the high ground.

The Division of General Hurlbut will move early to-morrow on the same road to the Big Hatchie, and reconstruct the bridge across that stream, repairing the road generally and making it passable to Artillery. The Division will leave its train on this side of Tuscumbia Creek until the Tuscumbia bridge is passable.

The Brigades of Morgan Smith and McDowell will be prepared to move forward as soon as notice is received that the road is opened as far as Pocahontas. Officers and men must be cautious in their dealings with citizens. Nothing should be told them of the movements of troops or anything whatever of our plans or purposes. They must be suspected always; although, if at home and minding their business, they should be respected. If on the road they must be arrested and held as prisoners.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

J. H. HAMMOND,
Assistant Adjutant General.

ORDERS No. 36. } HEADQUARTERS FIFTH DIVISION,
 ARMY OF THE TENNESSEE,
 Chewalla, June 10, 1862.

Commanders of brigades and detachments will at once reduce the baggage of their commands to the minimum. All officers' trunks; all surplus tents, and extra baggage of every kind, will immediately be deposited in the depot at Chewalla, and from there will be sent to Pittsburg Landing, and by boat to Cairo, there to await orders. Hereafter forty rounds of ammunition must be carried in the cartridge box, two papers on the person of each soldier, and one box in each company wagon. Also the ammunition wagon

of each regiment to be full. The remainder on hand, together with surplus arms, will be deposited at the depot for conveyance to Corinth.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

J. H. HAMMOND,
Assistant Adjutant General.

ORDERS No. 37.

CHEWALLA, JUNE 10, 1862.

I...General Morgan L. Smith will move his entire command early to-morrow morning on the State Line road to Pocahontas and beyond, so as to have a strong working party employed repairing the bridge across Muddy.

II...Colonel McDowell will march his whole Brigade about 2 P. M. to-morrow to Pocahontas and then bivouac. He will follow the State Line road.

III...Colonel Dickey, 4th Illinois Cavalry, will cross the Tusculumbia at Captain Young's, make a circuit to the south and west, and reach Pocahontas by night. His train will follow McDowell's Brigade and train. The Cavalry must henceforth avail itself of every opportunity to forage on the country.

IV...Commanders of brigades and detachments will hereafter see that in making their encampments they leave the roads entirely clear. Wagons must be parked in the woods or fields, and horses and mules placed so as not to interfere with any trains or column on the march.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

J. H. HAMMOND,
Assistant Adjutant General.

ORDERS No. 38. } HEADQUARTERS FIFTH DIVISION,
ARMY OF THE TENNESSEE,
Camp Chewalla, June 11, 1862.

Colonel McDowell will detail a small regiment to remain at Chewalla till relieved by a regiment from General Todd's Division, and to escort the balance of the Division train forward until it overtakes the Division on the road to Grand Junction. Captain John Condit Smith will dispatch a messenger back to hurry forward the part of the Division train still behind, and will make all necessary arrange-

ments to send it forward under the escort of the regiment detailed by Colonel McDowell. He will unload two or three wagons among the last to arrive, and with most indifferent teams to carry to Pittsburg Landing the trunks, private and regimental baggage deposited in the depot, and deliver the same to Lieutenant Skerrett, acting Division Quartermaster. When all this baggage is received, Lieutenant Skerrett, with his clerks, will take passage to Cairo and Memphis and then report to the Major General commanding, taking with him the personal baggage before mentioned. Lieutenant Skerrett will, at Pittsburg Landing, deliver to the Quartermaster's Department the wagons thus used, taking receipts in the name of Captain Smith.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

J. H. HAMMOND,
Assistant Adjutant General.

ORDERS No. 39. } HEADQUARTERS FIFTH DIVISION,
NEWLANDS, June 12, 1862.

The 1st Brigade will march forward about twelve miles and select a good camping ground on the waters of Spring Creek. The 3d Brigade will move forward about eight miles and select good ground for camp on the west side of Porter's Creek.

The 2d Brigade will move forward about ten miles, and camp on east side of Porter's Creek.

General Hurlbut's Division will move its camp forward about three miles to the large fields at Newland with strong advance guard thrown forward, and will send an expedition towards Jonesboro'. More attention must be paid on the march, especially as to the train. Each Regimental Quartermaster must be with his regimental train and stay with it. The Brigadier will make frequent rests and assure himself against gap in the column. If any soldier is found in a wagon, the teamster will be fined one dollar, and any soldier who puts his gun in a wagon must be severely punished. The wagon guards must march by its side armed and ready to defend the train.

By order of Major General Sherman :

J. H. HAMMOND,
Assistant Adjutant General.

ORDERS No. 40. } HEADQUARTERS FIFTH DIVISION,
 ARMY OF THE TENNESSEE,
Camp Spring Creek, June 12, 1862.

General Denver and Colonel McDowell will march as early as possible in the morning, June 13, and take position respectively on the right and left of the State Line road where it crosses the second branch of Spring Creek, one and a half miles in advance of these Headquarters.

General Hurlbut with one brigade will at once occupy General Denver's present camp at Foster's, on the west bank of Porter's Creek. The rest of his command will remain on the Hatchie until the Division train arrives, when all of his troops will move by easy marches on the State Line road to Grand Junction.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

J. H. HAMMOND,
Assistant Adjutant General.

ORDERS No. 41. } HEADQUARTERS FIFTH DIVISION,
June 15, 1862.

SIR: You will march with your command early to-morrow morning on the State Line road to Moscow, examine into the state of damages on the Memphis and Charleston railroad where it crosses the valley of Wolf River, and do all things possible to restore it to a running condition as soon as possible, to which end, you are authorized to call upon planters in the neighborhood for negroes, oxen, wagons or whatever is necessary to a speedy restoration of the road.

Two companies of Dickey's Cavalry will be ordered to report to you this evening for orders.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

J. H. HAMMOND,
Assistant Adjutant General.

To Brigadier General DENVER,
 Commanding 3d Brigade.

ORDERS No. 42. } HEADQUARTERS FIFTH DIVISION,
June 15, 1862.

SIR: You will detail two companies; the commanders will report to General Denver this evening for orders. They are designed to

go forward to Moscow. You can withdraw your picket on the Ripley road, and in lieu send a small picket guard forward to Ball's bridge, about three miles west of La Grange. The companies going forward will take their due proportion of baggage and forrage.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

J. H. HAMMOND,

Assistant Adjutant General.

To Colonel T. LYLE DICKEY,

Commanding 4th Illinois Cavalry.

ORDERS No. 43. } HEADQUARTERS FIFTH DIVISION,
ARMY OF THE TENNESSEE,
La Grange, Tenn., June 18, 1862.

The Commanding General must call attention to the duties of officers and men toward the slaves. The well settled policy of the whole army now is to have nothing to do with the negro. Exclude them from camp is General Halleck's reiterated order. We cannot have our trains encumbered by them, nor can we afford to feed them, and it is deceiving the poor fellow to allow him to start and have him forcibly driven away afterwards. For these and many good reasons the General now especially directs the Colonels of regiments, Captains of companies and Regimental Quartermasters, to give their personal attention to this matter, to remove all such now in camp and to prevent any more from following our camp or columns of march.

The laws of Congress command that we do not surrender back to the master a fugitive slave. That is not a soldier's business, nor is it his business to smuggle him away. Let the master and slave look to the civil authorities and not to us. Also the laws of war make the property of the enemy liable to confiscation, if used for warlike purposes, such as horses and wagons hauling stores, slaves making forts, &c., &c. In such cases the commanding officer would rightfully appropriate his labor through the Quartermaster, and let the title to freedom be tried as soon as a proper civil tribunal can be reached.

If wagonmasters or teamsters carry away in their wagons runaway negroes, it is made the duty first of the Regimental Quartermaster, next of the Brigade Quartermaster, and last of any commissioned officer, who will cause them to be summarily turned out and the facts

reported to Headquarters, that the actual offender may be punished by fine and imprisonment as he deserves.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

J. H. HAMMOND,

Assistant Adjutant General,

ORDERS NO. 44. } HEADQUARTERS FIFTH DIVISION,
ARMY OF THE TENNESSEE,
La Grange, Tenn., June 18, 1862.

Too much looseness exists on the subject of foraging. The Articles of War make it almost a capital offense for an officer or soldier to pillage, which means taking private property for his own use. It makes no difference if that property be of friend or enemy. Pillaging demoralizes the soldier; allows him to straggle from his ranks and neglect his duty, which, in many cases heretofore, have proved fatal to whole armies. The General can communicate to any officer the history of many such cases.

When an army moves in an enemy's country it is entitled to draw on that country, within limits, certain articles of forage and provisions; but, as it is a delicate right, it must be exercised by as few as possible. Brigade Quartermasters needing forage will apply to their commanders for suitable escorts to the wagon train, and will accompany it themselves, and will use all possible forbearance, explaining to the party the necessity, and giving a receipt for quantity and price, with a promise to pay at the pleasure of the United States on proof of loyalty at the time—certificate not transferrable. In meritorious cases the Division Quartermaster may pay cash. All forage and provision thus taken must be taken up on the usual property returns, giving the date and name of the party, that the transaction may be traced in the future settlement of accounts. The Regimental Quartermaster of the Cavalry, and the Acting Quartermaster of batteries of Artillery, may give receipts and instruct the parties to carry them to the Division Quartermaster, who will give the formal account. No other persons than those above specified can lawfully take or appropriate private property, except contraband of war, arms, ammunition, &c., which it is the duty of the Provost Marshal to collect and deliver to the Ordnance officer.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

J. H. HAMMOND,

Assistant Adjutant General.

ORDERS No. 45. } HEADQUARTERS FIFTH DIVISION,
 ARMY OF THE TENNESSEE,
La Grange, Tenn., June 21, 1862.

General Denver will detail one regiment to remain as a guard to the bridge at Moscow and to complete the work beyond there, and with the remaining regiments will move forward about ten miles and select ground suitable for a camp for the whole Division, such ground if possible to be south of the road and covered in great part with shade trees—water being of course the first consideration.

General McDowell will move his brigade forward to the same place, beginning his march this afternoon.

General Morgan L. Smith will march early to-morrow morning forward to the camp to be selected by General Denver.

2. General Hurlbut will occupy La Grange with his Division. The Cavalry of each Division will, on marches, constitute its rear guard, and will summarily punish stragglers found committing depredations on private property.

We may have to draw pretty freely on the inhabitants for forage and rations, but this must only be done in the manner fixed in orders.

The regiments left at La Grange will be supplied from Corinth until the road to Memphis is open, but the bulk of the army must depend on our wagons, and these must be held ready on arrival at camp to be dispatched into Memphis for supplies.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

J. H. HAMMOND,
Assistant Adjutant General.

ORDERS No. 46. } HEADQUARTERS FIFTH DIVISION,
 LAFAYETTE, June 25, 1862.

The Division will move to-morrow morning to Moscow. General Morgan Smith's Brigade in advance will start as early as possible to allow the whole Division to reach Moscow before the intense heat of the day. He will proceed through Moscow to a point about a mile and a half beyond and select good ground facing south, and near enough Wolf River to obtain from it a supply of water.

General Denver will follow General Smith and select his camp outside Moscow and near enough to Wolf River to obtain water from it.

Colonel McDowell's Brigade will bring up the rear and occupy the town of Moscow.

The Chief of Artillery will distribute the batteries as heretofore. The Division train and all wagons not needed by the regiments can cross the Wolf River here and proceed to Moscow by a road lying on the north side of that stream. The 4th Illinois Cavalry will bring up the rear of and guard that train.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

J. H. HAMMOND,

Assistant Adjutant General.

ORDERS No. 47. } HEADQUARTERS FIFTH DIVISION,
Moscow, June 27, 1862.

The troops of this Division will be mustered for payment on Monday, the 30th instant, under direction of their respective Brigadiers. Each Brigadier may detail one or more Adjutants to assist him in calling the company rolls, who will sign the rolls as mustering officer. Each mustering officer will be careful to note, opposite the name of every absent officer and soldier, for whose absence the Colonels or Captains cannot show written authority from General Halleck or these Headquarters, the word "Deserted," giving the date of desertion as the time when the officer or soldier absented himself without authority.

II...Officers and soldiers who absent themselves improperly from their commands are not entitled to receive the pay, bounties and advantages of the good and faithful, who, through sickness and heat and privations, perform their duties and labor hard to conquer peace. The Commanding General is determined to draw this broad distinction between the good soldiers and the doubtful ones.

He wants no men absent on account of wounds to be reported as deserters, but all who have taken advantage of Hospital Surgeons who exceeded their powers, sanitary committees, and fame-seeking governors, must suffer the penalty. When, hereafter, they do join their companies a court martial can determine whether the muster be right. Brigadiers will give their personal attention to this matter, (see General Halleck's Order No. 14.)

III...The Chiefs of Artillery and Cavalry will superintend the muster of their respective commands.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

J. H. HAMMOND,

Assistant Adjutant General.

ORDERS No. 48. } HEADQUARTERS FIFTH DIVISION,
 ARMY OF THE TENNESSEE,
 Moscow, Tenn., June 29, 1862.

The Division will be in line and will march at two o'clock to-morrow in the order of—

Denver's Brigade.

Smith's Brigade.

McDowell's Brigade.

The Cavalry will take the advance, taking the road towards Mount Pleasant—leaving it to the right—and thence towards Hudsonville. They will halt from time to time to assure that the Infantry is on the right road.

Each Brigade will carry their cooking utensils and provisions for six days, and will leave behind tents and all baggage, except the bedding of officers and men. Each regiment will take its ammunition wagon and tools at the rate of twenty-five axes, spades, and picks, per regiment.

The Division ammunition train will accompany the expedition.

Each Brigadier will make arrangements that the sick men left behind be organized to defend the camps against any sudden inroads of Cavalry.

General Denver will detail one regiment to remain behind, the Colonel of which will be in command, and will be charged with guarding the railroad bridge and camps. The Chief of Artillery will designate a section of Artillery to remain at Moscow and be at the disposal of the commanding officer.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

J. H. HAMMOND,

Assistant Adjutant General.

ORDERS No. 49. } HEADQUARTERS,
 Moscow, July 7, 1862.

Stealing, robbery and pillage have become so common in this army that it is a disgrace to any civilized people. No officer other than the General commanding will grant passes beyond the line of pickets, and he will grant none except on extraordinary occasions. Brigadiers may send out, as heretofore, the regular foraging parties with guard, strictly according to orders already issued.

Major Gibson will detail a patrol daily of an officer and ten mounted men, who will patrol the country round about camp. This patrol will fire upon any party engaged in robbery and pillage, or who attempts to escape. All found outside the lines will be delivered to the Provost Marshal, who will put them on bread and water until relieved by the Commanding General.

This demoralizing and disgraceful practice of pillage must cease, else the country will rise on us and justly shoot us down like dogs and wild beasts.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

J. H. HAMMOND,
Assistant Adjutant General.

ORDERS No. 51. } HEADQUARTERS FIFTH DIVISION,
 Moscow, July 10, 1862.

From and after the 10th of this month the different regiments of this command will make requisitions for forage, approved by the commanding officer, for the full number of public animals for ten (10) days in advance. This requisition will be presented to the different Brigade Quartermasters, who will present them to the Division Quartermaster, who, upon ascertaining the amount required, will turn the same over to them on receipts and invoices.

The batteries will make requisitions direct on the Division Quartermaster, who will furnish them with the forage they require.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

J. H. HAMMOND,
Assistant Adjutant General.

ORDERS No. 52. } HEADQUARTERS FIFTH DIVISION,
 ARMY OF THE TENNESSEE,
 Moscow, July 14, 1862.

Pursuant to orders received from General Headquarters, Corinth, all the troops at or near Grand Junction belonging to General McClelland's Division will move by rail and by land to Bolivar, where they will receive full instructions from Headquarters.

II...General Hurlbut will march his Division by the State Line road through Moscow, and camp on the west side of the bridge and north side of the road convenient for water, leaving the road clear.

He will be careful that nothing is left behind in the way of provisions, tents, or stores of any kind. Before moving he will assure himself that Colonel Leggett has the means to transport by cars to Bolivar the public stores now at the junction, and such sick and feeble men as cannot march. To this end the train of cars to arrive this p. m. should at *once* be put to work transporting stores and sick back to Bolivar.

III...After General Hurlbut's Division reaches Moscow the 5th Division will march, followed by General Hurlbut's Division, with a suitable interval of time and space. An order for the march will be given by published orders or transmitted through Aides-de-Camp.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman:

J. H. HAMMOND,

Assistant Adjutant General.

ORDERS No. 53. } HEADQUARTERS FIFTH DIVISION,
ARMY OF THE TENNESSEE,
Moscow, July 17, 1862.

The Division will march to-morrow at early daylight on the State Line road westward in the following order:—

Denver's Brigade, McDowell's Brigade, Smith's Brigade.

The head of the column will halt beyond Lafayette at a distance to bring the rear of the column opposite the depot, and will rest until afternoon to enable McDowell's Brigade, now at Lafayette, to fall into its appropriate place. The column will hold itself prepared to march the same evening to some point five or six miles beyond Lafayette for camp.

II...The second day's march will be in the order of McDowell's Brigade, Smith's Brigade, Denver's Brigade.

The third day's march, and until we reach our camp back of Memphis, Smith's Brigade, Denver's Brigade, McDowell's Brigade.

III...More attention must be given to keeping the Artillery and trains closed upon the Infantry masses. In no case during a march should teamsters attempt to water their teams unless a general halt for noon or night be made. Should a wagon become disabled it must at once be moved out of the road and the train pass on. The disabled wagon, with its guard, after repairing damages, will fall in and recover its place at the next noon or night halt. Brigade and

Regimental Quartermasters must be with their trains all the time, and will see that the wagon guards keep near their respective wagons and carry their arms and accoutrements.

IV...The Division train and the ammunition train must follow the train of the first or *leading* brigade. The rear brigade will send its train in advance of the Infantry. The leading brigade will always keep out an advance guard of two companies, with skirmishers in front and on the flanks, when there is an appearance of danger; also a company with axes and spades to repair bridges when necessary. The rear brigade keeps out a rear guard to pick up stragglers. The Cavalry will send its wagon train in advance of the last Infantry brigade, but will serve as a rear guard during the march. The Artillery will be assigned to brigades by the Chief of Artillery for the purpose of the march, but any battery may at any moment be called out of its place for special service.

V...Officers and men must not leave their ranks on the march or at a halt without the permission of their Colonels, and then only for a necessary purpose.

The march will be steady and with no long stretches. It is far easier for the soldier to keep his place than to follow the winding and rough paths by the way-side or in the adjoining fields. Besides, each regiment must at all times be ready for action. Servants and unarmed men must follow in the rear of each regiment, and the time to fill canteens is the night before the march. Should the days be hot it is better to wait for the first halt before making coffee. Each man should have at all times in his haversack bread and meat enough for two days. With these rules and care on the part of officers having charge of wagon trains, there is no difficulty in making the day's march in six or seven hours, divided between the cool of the morning and evening.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

J. H. HAMMOND,

Assistant Adjutant General.

ORDERS No. 54. } HEADQUARTERS FIFTH DIVISION,
WHITE'S STATION, July 19, 1862.

It is manifest that a great many horses, mules, and other private property are now in our camps, which have been taken in the country without warrant or authority. All such property will at

once be turned into the Division Quartermaster, and every Regimental Quartermaster, commander of a battery, chief of Cavalry, or other officer, will cause an actual count of horses and animals in their possession, and will make a written certificate that at this date they have on hand that particular number, for which they will account. This count will be verified by the Division Quartermaster. All parties who are mounted, who are not by law designated and considered as mounted officers or soldiers, will have their horses and mules taken away and those animals treated as public animals. Colonels of regiments will see to the execution of this order, and see that the animals are at once delivered over to the Regimental Quartermaster and by him to the Division Quartermaster, who will report as soon as possible the number of animals he has on hand now, and how many are turned over to him by the several regiments and companies. Every Colonel of a regiment or commander of a battery and chief of Cavalry will to-morrow cause a thorough examination and will report the number of negroes in their camps, and give the names of such as came from their respective States as servants. All other negroes must be registered and put to work on the fortifications as soon as we reach Memphis. The Provost Marshal in Memphis will be instructed to put to work in the trenches all soldiers who come to Memphis without leave of the Commanding General. As soon as our camp is established, as large an amount of liberty will be given to all good soldiers as is consistent with their duty, and ample opportunity afforded them to see the city with all its "sights."

The Commanding General, with the Engineer officers and part of his Staff, will proceed, before daybreak to-morrow morning, into Memphis to examine the condition of things there; to see the ground, and to select camps. Orders will be sent back for the troops to march into Memphis as soon as camping ground is selected.

Both General Hurlbut's Division and my own will remain at or near this camp at White Station until such orders are received, and no officer, soldier, or citizen, connected with this marching column, will go to Memphis until the two Divisions are moved in.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman:

J. H. HAMMOND,
Assistant Adjutant General.

ORDERS No. 55. }

HEADQUARTERS,
MEMPHIS, TENN., *July 20, 1862.*

In consequence of the total absence of water, fit for man or beast, at any point near Memphis, save in wells which are barely adequate to supply the inhabitants, the two divisions under my command will be forced to camp in compact order in and around Fort Pickering, on the river bank, two miles south of Memphis.

The 5th Division will march in the order prescribed early to-morrow into Memphis. On reaching the outer pickets, about two miles out, the wagon trains will be ordered to halt and clear the road, and each Brigadier will march his brigade, in good order, straight west to Main street, one square east of the levee, then turn south, down Main street to Fort Pickering. General Smith's Brigade will not enter the fort, but camp some three hundred yards to its front or east. General Denver's and Colonel McDowell's Brigades will enter the fort, the former taking the south half and the latter the north half of the ground inside the lines of unfinished trenches. All the Brigadiers, after selecting the ground for their regiments, will send an officer of each regiment back to conduct their trains of wagons to camp.

General Hurlbut will also pass the column of halted wagons and leave his, in like manner, behind, to be sent for after the selection of camp, and will pursue the same line of march, viz: down Poplar street to Main, down Main to the fort, leave the fort and camp of Colonel Wood's Brigade to the right, and choose camp in the woods, next below Colonel Wood's Brigade, near the river.

The Brigade and Regimental Quartermasters must remain with their trains, and, when the Infantry has passed them, will, without further orders, follow the column until met by an officer of their respective regiments to conduct them to camp.

There is no use in attempting to get water until the river is reached at Fort Pickering, where, of course, it is abundant in the Mississippi. Every effort should be made to make the march in the cool of the morning as far as possible.

Cavalry will remain and escort the wagon train into camp and then choose their own.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

J. H. HAMMOND,

Assistant Adjutant General.

ORDERS No. 56. } HEADQUARTERS FIFTH DIVISION,
 ARMY OF THE TENNESSEE,
Memphis, Tenn., July 21, 1862.

The undersigned hereby assumes command in Memphis and vicinity. All orders issued by my predecessors will be respected and enforced. •

Staff officers stationed at Memphis will report at once in writing, giving full information as to the condition of their Departments and the location of their offices.

W. T. SHERMAN,
Major General.

ORDERS No. 57. } HEADQUARTERS FIFTH DIVISION,
 ARMY OF THE TENNESSEE,
Memphis, July 21, 1862.

Brigadier General Hovey, with all the Infantry regiments of his former command, will immediately embark for Helena, Arkansas, there to report for orders to Major General S. R. Curtis. The Chief Quartermaster at Memphis will provide steamboats at once, using boats bound up the river if the nature of their business be not of too much importance. He will notify General Hovey when one or more boats are ready, that they at once be freighted.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

J. H. HAMMOND,
Assistant Adjutant General.

ORDERS No. 58. } HEADQUARTERS FIFTH DIVISION,
 ARMY OF THE TENNESSEE,
Memphis, July 22, 1862.

All houses inside the new fort must be forthwith vacated by families or persons not constituting a part of its garrison. Under no pretext must any woman or family be allowed to sojourn inside the fort, which must be strictly military, all non-combatants excluded.

A Military Board, to be composed of Lieutenant Colonel Loudon, 70th Ohio, Major Fearing, 77th Ohio, and Major Fisher, of the 54th Ohio, will assemble immediately in the fort, and will examine each house and premises, make a minute of the owner, tenant, and

general character of building, such as dwelling, shop, shanty, &c., and affix a value to the house, fences and immovable improvements. The Board will give each owner or tenant a certificate of the value of such improvements, and the fact that he or she has been forcibly dispossessed. The Chief Quartermaster in Memphis, on the presentation of such certificate, will cause the party to be put in possession of some vacant house in Memphis of about equal value. The Board will make a full report of their action, to remain as evidence for the final settlement when made.

The Chief Quartermaster at Memphis will forthwith, by himself or agent—a commissioned officer if possible, otherwise by some competent person appointed from civil life, to be paid out of rents to be collected—will take possession of all vacant storehouses, warehouses and buildings, and will rent them out if possible to reliable and loyal tenants, at fair moderate rents, payable monthly in advance, keeping an accurate account with each piece of property so taken. When the buildings are used by any department of the army, the rent will be estimated and charged but not collected; but no building must be occupied by any military person or department without the approval of the Commanding General. The buildings inside of the entrenchments will be excepted from the above rule, and be subject to the use and control of the Brigadier on whose camping ground they happen to be.

Great care must be taken from the beginning in keeping accounts of rents, &c., and special instructions will be given on this point.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

J. H. HAMMOND,
Assistant Adjutant General.

ORDERS No. 59. } HEADQUARTERS FIFTH DIVISION,
MEMPHIS, July 22, 1862.

The following rules will be adopted respecting officers' and soldiers' passes: Each Colonel of an Infantry regiment may grant two passes per company, or twenty per regiment. Each Captain of an Artillery company may grant three passes, all to be countersigned by the Brigadier himself or his Chief of Staff. Commanders of Cavalry regiments may grant passes at the rate of two per company. All passes to be run for twenty four hours; and soldiers

having such passes must be neatly dressed and wear their waist-belts and bayonets or side-arms. Officers' passes to be granted in like manner, not more than five officers per regiment. Whenever it becomes necessary to send armed patrols, or even a single soldier, a written order, countersigned by the Brigadier or his Staff officer, should be made, specifying the duty on which the party is sent, which order will be respected by the Provost Marshal.

The orderlies and carriers of mails may have Brigadiers' passes, stating their character and duties, which will be respected by the Provost Guard.

All soldiers and officers found in the city without such written authority will be arrested and confined, and sent the next morning and turned over to the guard of General McDowell's Brigade to be put to work on the fortifications.

Trains of wagons sent for stores or provisions, and horses sent to water in proper order, need not have passes, but should the drivers and guards or riders leave their proper places they will be treated as other stragglers.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

J. H. HAMMOND,

Assistant Adjutant General.

ORDERS No. 60. }

HEADQUARTERS,

MEMPHIS, TENN., July 22, 1862.

Whilst negroes are employed on public works, fortifications, driving teams and such public work, they will be subsisted by the officer in charge by a provision return specifying number and how employed, which returns must be approved at Headquarters. As the negro receives no specific wages the Commissary may issue to the negroes at the rate of one pound of chewing tobacco per month, the bills of purchase for which are to be sent to the Chief Engineer of the District for payment.

The Engineer in charge of the fort will purchase necessary clothing, such as shoes and pants, for the negroes, and issue to them, keeping an accurate account of the issues that the value of the clothing may be charged to the proper party on the final settlement of accounts. The bills of purchase will be sent to the Chief Engineer of the District for payment.

A register and time table of the negroes employed on the fort will be kept by the Engineer in charge, or by some one under his orders, giving the name and description of the negro, whether a slave or refugee, and the name of master, that a fair and equitable settlement may be made at the "end of the war."

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

J. H. HAMMOND,
Assistant Adjutant General.

ORDERS No. 61. } HEADQUARTERS FIFTH DIVISION,
ARMY OF THE TENNESSEE,
Memphis, July 24, 1862.

Travel into and out of Memphis by carriage, wagon, horse, or on foot, in the usual course of business, will be as free and unobstructed as is consistent with a state of war. To farmers, planters, and business men, with their families and servants, free intercourse will be permitted *without passes* or any hindrance, save the right of examination, and even search, when the officer-of-the-guard judges it proper and necessary.

This travel must be by daylight, and no exception to this rule will be permitted save to market and supply carts which may enter an hour before day, provided they are known to the officer-of-the-guard. Wagons leaving town with an undue proportion of any one article of commodity will be stopped, and if found engaged in illicit trade or deception, the road guard will send it to his Brigadier, who will take the wagon and contents, and imprison the parties implicated if he entertain even strong suspicion.

Travel is limited to the following roads—

1. Raleigh road.
2. State Line road.
3. Pigeon Roost or Bihalia road.
4. Hernando road.
5. Horn Lake road.

A small guard charged with this duty will be stationed on each of these roads about three miles from the city at some house by the roadside, where all travelers will pause or stop till they receive a signal to pass. Written instructions from Headquarters will be given

from time to time to these guards, and when any officer announces to a traveler his decision, it must be instantly obeyed, however inconsistent it may appear with the spirit of this order.

Cavalry patrols and pickets and Infantry guards posted for other purposes, will not molest the regular travel, but all such pickets and guards will promptly arrest and send to the Provost Marshal all persons attempting to enter or depart by any other road and at any other time or manner than is herein prescribed.

Brigadier General Hurlbut is charged with the execution of this order as to the Horn Lake road, the Hernando and Pigeon Roost roads; and Brigadier General Smith as to the State Line and Raleigh roads. Details of one commissioned and one non-commissioned officer and three men will be sufficient for each road—details permanent or weekly, at the pleasure of the Brigadier, who will strengthen the guard under special instructions, or when in his judgment it should be necessary.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman:

J. H. HAMMOND,
Assistant Adjutant General.

GENERAL ORDERS }
No. 62. }

HEADQUARTERS,
MEMPHIS, TENN., July 24, 1862.

The following is announced as the stations of the troops in and near Memphis:—

General Denver's Brigade—in the south half of Fort Pickering, facing east.

Colonel McDowell's Brigade—in the north half of Fort Pickering, facing east.

General Smith—on the State Line road, about three miles out from Memphis, facing east, with a regiment detached to the right and left, having easy communications to Brigade Headquarters.

General Veatch's Brigade—south of Fort Pickering, on a line extending from the Horn Lake road to the river, facing south.

General Lauman's Brigade—nearly on a line with General Veatch's, toward the east, with its left resting on or near the Hernando road, facing south.

General Hurlbut is charged with guarding the front from the river round by the south and east to the Charleston and Memphis railroad.

Brigadier General Smith is charged with the front from Wolf River to the Charleston and Memphis railroad, connecting with General Hurlbut there, at some point hereafter to be designated by the General commanding in person. One regiment, to be detailed from General Denver's and McDowell's Brigades weekly and alternately, will be quartered in the city to act under special instructions as a Provost Guard, General Denver making the first detail to-day. Each Brigade (excepting the Brigades in the fort) will furnish a daily guard of at least two hundred men, with a due proportion of officers and a Brigade officer-of-the-day. This guard, under the direction of their respective Brigadiers, will be posted at some strong position, to be changed from time to time, at least one mile from their Brigade fronts. From this main guard will be sent forward, another mile, picket guards to watch roads, paths, or any manner of approach, with vedettes along such avenues of approach. From the main Brigade guards, under the direction of their respective officers-of-the-day, will also be frequently sent out active patrols, to visit the advance pickets and vedettes, and to scour the country between the Brigade pickets. Such patrols must always be compact military bodies furnished with the countersign, that no accident may occur from contact with other guards and patrols. All guards and pickets will be subject to the inspection, visit, and control of a general officer-of-the-day, to be detailed daily from Headquarters.

General Hurlbut will regulate his Cavalry pickets and patrols and cause them to be advanced well toward the Nonconnat.

The 4th Illinois Cavalry is hereby attached for picket duty to General's Smith's Brigade, who will cause it to picket and scout well the country forward toward White's station on the State Line road.

The Commanding General will use the reserve Cavalry for scouting in all directions, but this must not be any excuse for relaxation on the part of the officers hereinbefore named. Every officer in command of a regiment or detachment will now see that his men are well provided with clothing, provisions, arms, ammunition, canteens, haversacks, and everything which his own experience has shown him is necessary for the efficiency of the soldier. Every sentinel must be fully armed and equipped, and to this end regular guard mountings and inspections must precede the posting of all guards. Officers-of-the-day and commanders of guards have a right,

and should not hesitate to exercise it, of refusing men improperly dressed or equipped. Their duties are very important, and they should see that their details are composed of good men, properly provided in all respects.

All officers of this command must now study their books. Ignorance of duty must no longer be pleaded. The Commanding General has the power at any time to order a Board to examine the acquirements and capacity of any officer, and he will not fail to exercise it. Should any officer, high or low, after the opportunity and experience we have had, be ignorant of his Tactics, Regulations, or even of the principles of the Articles of War, (Mahon and Jomini,) it would be a lasting disgrace.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

J. H. HAMMOND,
Assistant Adjutant General.

GENERAL ORDERS } HEADQUARTERS,
No. 65. } MEMPHIS, TENN., August 4, 1862.

Colonels of regiments and commanders of detachments of Cavalry and Artillery will at once prepare a list of all soldiers in this command who may have been captured by the enemy and paroled, to the end that they may be ordered to Benton Barracks, Missouri. Descriptive rolls, with note of last payment, will accompany each list. These lists should be at Headquarters on or before Saturday next.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

J. H. HAMMOND,
Assistant Adjutant General.

GENERAL ORDERS } HEADQUARTERS FIFTH DIVISION,
No. 67. } ARMY OF THE TENNESSEE,
Memphis, August 8, 1862.

Inasmuch as by law of Congress, recently enacted, the President of the United States is authorized to receive and employ the labor of slaves or fugitives from slavery, and as such fugitives are coming

to our camps seeking protection, the following rules will be observed at or near Memphis until the President prescribes others, when these will necessarily be superseded and made to conform to the pleasure of the President:—

I...All able-bodied negroes, who apply for work at Fort Pickering, will be received and put to work by the Engineer in charge, Captain Koepner. The names of owners and slaves will be registered, with date of commencement of work, and a general description by which the negroes can be known. Such negroes will be entitled to rations, to be drawn on provision returns similar to those used for soldiers, and will be supplied with necessary clothing, and tobacco at the rate of one pound per month. An account will be opened with each negro, and his wages will be charged with the value of the clothing and tobacco, but no wages will be paid until the courts determine whether the negro be slave or free. The negroes employed on the fort are working as laborers, and will be allowed to return to their masters or mistresses at the close of any week, but masters or mistresses cannot be allowed to enter the fort in search of their slaves, because it is improper that any one not belonging to the garrison should enter Fort Pickering, or even follow its lines and ditches on the outside. A list of negroes so employed will be kept at Headquarters, which may be seen by parties interested.

II...The Post Quartermaster, Captain Fitch, will, in like manner, employ a force of about one hundred negroes out of those who apply to him for work, or he may, on occasions, take by force, when he thinks it absolutely necessary to have an increased force work on the levee, loading and unloading steamboats, coal boats, and such like labor; a list of whom, similar to that referred to in paragraph I, will be kept by the Quartermaster, and a copy sent to Headquarters for reference. These will in like manner be entitled to rations, necessary clothing, and tobacco, but the pay must be reserved until the proper judicial tribunals determine to whom such labor and wages belong.

III...Division Quartermasters may employ fugitives to drive teams and attend to horses, mules, and cattle, keeping accurate accounts under the rules of their department applicable to "persons and articles employed and hired," and subject to the condition of paragraph I of this order; this list of persons so employed to be sent to

Headquarters for reference. The number of negroes so hired not to exceed one per team, and one to every six span of animals herded or stabled.

IV...The commanders of regiments may cause to be employed as cooks and company teamsters, not to exceed five per company, and ten per regiment for extra wagons, and five for staff wagons; in all sixty-five per regiment, which negroes shall be borne on the muster-rolls and supplied with provisions and clothing as soldiers, but in no case will they bear arms or wear the uniform. The Quartermaster of the Division will supply the Regimental Quartermasters with clothing suitable for such negroes, an account of which will be kept separate and distinct from that of the soldiers. These negroes must be kept to their appropriate duties and places, and the question of wages must remain open and unsettled until the orders of the President are received, or until fixed by subsequent regulations.

V...The Commanding General here thinks proper to make known to the people of Memphis the principles by which, in the absence of instructions from his superior officer, he will be governed in all cases arising under these complicated questions. It is neither his duty nor his pleasure to disturb the relation of master and slave. That is for the courts which having been destroyed here by our enemy are inoperative for the present. But in the due course of events, there must and will be tribunals re-established here that will judge and decide in cases which have already arisen or may arise under the laws and Constitution of the United States. Then loyal masters will recover their slaves and the wages they have earned during their temporary use by the military authorities, but it is understood that masters who are in open hostility to the Constitution of their country will lose their slaves, the title to whom only exists by force of that very Constitution they seek to destroy. No influence must be used to entice slaves from their masters, and if fugitives desire to return to their masters they will be permitted to do so, but on the other hand, no force or undue persuasion will be permitted to recover such fugitive property.

Officers of the army, from Generals to Lieutenants, must not employ such fugitives for servants. The Government provides to each officer a distinct pay for his servant, and this is ample for the hire of a free man. Were we to employ such fugitives as servants,

our motives would be misconstrued, whereas their employment by the Government is in pursuance of law, is clearly within the rules of war, and will increase our effective force by the number of negroes so employed.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

J. H. HAMMOND,
Assistant Adjutant General.

GENERAL ORDERS } HEADQUARTERS FIFTH DIVISION,
No. 68. } MEMPHIS, TENN., *August 11, 1862.*

The following orders have been received from Department Headquarters and are published for the benefit of all concerned :—

“In pursuance of orders from the Headquarters of the Army at Washington, all restrictions on the sale of cotton, and prohibition of the payment of gold therefor, are hereby annulled. Every facility possible will be afforded for getting cotton to market.

“By order of Major General U. S. Grant :

“(Signed) JOHN A. RAWLINS,
“Assistant Adjutant General.”

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

J. H. HAMMOND,
Assistant Adjutant General.

GENERAL ORDERS } HEADQUARTERS FIFTH DIVISION,
No. 70. } ARMY OF THE TENNESSEE,
Memphis, August 12, 1862.

The Commanding General at Memphis has seen in the newspapers the copy of an order, dated War Department, Washington, July 31, 1862, on the subject of absences without proper authority on the part of officers and soldiers from their proper posts and regiments, which substantially conforms to the orders heretofore issued to this Division on the subject of reporting as deserters all who are absent from their posts and regiments, and convinced that said order is genuine, the following parts thereof are hereby published and will be complied with by all divisions, brigades, regiments, and detachments stationed at or near Memphis:—

"WAR DEPARTMENT,

"WASHINGTON, *July 31, 1862.*

"The absence of officers and privates from their duty, under various pretexts, while receiving pay at great expense and burden to the Government, makes it necessary that efficient measures should be taken to enforce their return to duty, or that their places be supplied by those who will not take pay while rendering no service. This evil, moreover, tends greatly to discourage the patriotic impulse of those who would contribute to support the families of future soldiers.

"It is therefore ordered by the President, that on Monday, the eleventh day of August, all leaves of absence and furloughs, by whomsoever given, unless by the War Department, are revoked and absolutely annulled; and all officers capable of service are required to join their regiments, under penalty of dismissal from the service, or such penalty as a court martial may award, unless the absence be occasioned by a lawful cause.

"II...The only excuse allowed for the absence of officers or privates from duty, after the eleventh day of August, are: first, the order of leave of the War Department; second, disability from wounds received in service; third, disabilities from disease that render the party unfit for military duty. But any officer or private whose health permits him to visit watering places, or places of amusement, or make social visits, or walk about the town or city, or country in which he may be, will be considered fit for military duty and as evading his duty by absence from his command or the ranks.

"III...On Monday, the 18th day of August, at 10 o'clock A. M., each regiment and corps shall be mustered. The absentees will be marked, three lists of the same made out, and, within forty-eight hours after the mustering, one copy shall be sent to the Adjutant General of the Army, and one to the commander of the corps, the third is to be retained; and all officers and privates fit for duty, absent at that time, shall be regarded as absent without cause; their pay will be stopped, and they will be dismissed from the service, or treated as deserters, unless restored; and no officer shall be restored to his rank unless, by the judgment of a court of inquiry, to be approved by the President, he shall establish that his absence was not without cause."

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II...Commanders of divisions or brigades will designate some one or more officers of their staff as mustering and inspecting officers, and by themselves or such inspectors will, on the 18th day of August instant, carefully muster each company of their respective commands. The Chiefs of Artillery and Cavalry, and the commander of each detachment unassigned to the regular brigades, will, in like manner, carefully muster or cause to be mustered their command, and make and transmit the rolls as required by said order.

III...All orders heretofore issued from these Headquarters on this subject are hereby modified so as to conform to the foregoing orders, and all officers and soldiers heretofore reported "deserted" on the

muster roll of June 30, 1862, are hereby declared pardoned as to such muster, and those only will be treated and considered as deserters who remain absent at the muster of August, 18th instant.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

J. H. HAMMOND,
Assistant Adjutant General.

GENERAL ORDERS } HEADQUARTERS FIFTH DIVISION,
No. 72. } MEMPHIS, August 14, 1862.

Major Fisher, 54th Ohio Volunteers, and Captain Littlefield, Provost Marshal of General Hurlbut's Division, are announced as Assistant Provost Marshals of Memphis, and will report for duty to Colonel Anthony. More attention will be given to the quiet and good order of soldiers on the streets. The Assistant Provost Marshals and the patrols and guards sent out by them have the power and right to suppress all riots and nuisances. Any house where noise, drunkenness and fighting are either going on or likely to occur is a military nuisance, and will be suppressed by the seizure of its contents, and the delivery of the liquors to the hospital department. If the nuisance cannot thus be suppressed the house will be burned or pulled down, according to its position. Any Brigade Provost Marshal may suppress a nuisance in the vicinity of his brigade, but no house will be pulled down or burned without the written order of the Commanding General, the Provost Marshal or the commander of a brigade. Riots on the street will be promptly suppressed by blows, the bayonet, or firing when necessary. Of course the military are not bound by the licenses issued by the city authorities, as licenses are designed for revenue and not to sanction or encourage crimes and nuisances.

II...In consequence of the abuse of the privilege, passes given to officers and soldiers are hereby limited to the time between guard mounting in the morning and tattoo at night. When an officer or soldier wishes to remain absent from his regiment and stay in the city over night he must obtain from his commanding officer and his Brigadier a special leave of absence, specifying the reasons of his visit to the city. All officers and soldiers found by the Provost Guard in the city without passes at any time, or after ten o'clock at

night without special leave from their Brigadiers, will be arrested and confined for the night, and sent in the morning to the guard of Colonel McDowell's Brigade—soldiers to work on the fortifications one week, officers to be confined to their tents in arrest. Written lists, with charges, should accompany each batch of prisoners thus arrested, and be sent with them to the fort. It is hereby made the duty of the Brigade Commander of the 2d Brigade, 5th Division, to organize his guard so as to compel all prisoners confined under this order, as well as such as are or may be sentenced to work by regimental or general court martial, to labor nine hours each day on the fortifications. He will cause his guard-house to be carefully repaired and reconstructed, so as to enable the officer of his guard to confine prisoners safely and to control their food. Prisoners who will not work are not entitled to rations and must be put on short diet.

III...The regiment of Infantry on duty as Provost Guard in the city, and the Cavalry detailed for the same purpose, are hereby declared to be on guard duty the time of their detail, and are subject to the conditions of the 45th Article of War.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

J. H. HAMMOND,
Assistant Adjutant General.

ORDERS NO. 73. } HEADQUARTERS FIFTH DIVISION,
ARMY OF THE TENNESSEE,
Memphis, August 25, 1862.

In pursuance of General Order No. 73, Headquarters District of West Tennessee, Corinth, Mississippi, August 12, 1862, Major W. D. Sanger, Aide-de-Camp, is hereby appointed mustering officer to carry out the provisions of the above order contained in paragraphs 1 and 6. Commanders of brigades and Cavalry will at once send in lists of such bands and officers as may require attention under this order.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

J. H. HAMMOND,
Assistant Adjutant General.

ORDERS No. 75. } HEADQUARTERS FIFTH DIVISION,
 ARMY OF THE TENNESSEE,
Memphis, August 29, 1862.

The troops at Memphis will be mustered for payment on the 31st instant under the direction of their respective Brigade Commanders.

The Artillery and Cavalry will be mustered by their Chiefs of Artillery and Cavalry.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

J. H. HAMMOND,
Assistant Adjutant General.

ORDERS No. 79. } HEADQUARTERS FIFTH DIVISION,
 MEMPHIS, *September 15, 1862.*

Colonels of regiments and commanders of Cavalry, Artillery and detached companies at or near Memphis, will forthwith report to these Headquarters the names of all officers of Volunteers who have been absent from the regiments or companies for a period exceeding sixty days, from any cause whatever, embracing those who are absent on account of wounds received or sickness contracted in service, to the end that they may be discharged under the provisions of General Order No. 100, from the War Department, under date of August 11, 1862, just received.

All commanders of Volunteer regiments should keep the Governors of their respective States advised of all vacancies, present or prospective, in their commands, and also supply them with a list of names from among their meritorious soldiers, with recommendations that they be promoted to fill such present and prospective vacancies.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

J. H. HAMMOND,
Assistant Adjutant General.

ORDERS No. 82. } HEADQUARTERS FIFTH DIVISION,
 MEMPHIS, *September 15, 1862.*

All seizures of personal property, contraband or otherwise, by brigade guard and pickets, Provost Guard, or other parties in the service of the United States, will hereafter be sent to the Provost

Marshal's office, who will forthwith, after entering the same in his register of such property, turn the same over to the Post Quartermaster, taking his duplicate receipt therefor, one of which will be sent to the Quartermaster General. The Provost Marshal will caution the Post Quartermaster not to part with the horses, saddles, mules, &c., of prisoners taken, until after a trial, if a doubt exists as to whether they are certainly confiscated, in which cases such horses, &c., may be used, but not issued to regiments until after conviction.

The Post Quartermaster will keep a separate account of all such seizures, and will issue them to the Department to which they may be appropriate: arms and ammunition to the Ordnance officer; provisions to the Division Commissary; medicines to the Division Surgeon, and wagons, carriages, horses, mules, harness, &c., he will transfer to other Quartermasters or take up on his own returns according to the necessities of services; the object being to place all captured property in the hands of a proper Government agent in the first instance, that it may be traced. The Quartermaster may give preference to the brigade or regiment that effect the capture and seizure, provided that there be no other more pressing demand. But any officer or soldier who takes and appropriates to his own use or that of his associates any horse, wagon, or other article of captured property, will be deemed guilty of peculation or pillage, and tried by a general court martial.

Any officer or soldier who now has possession of any property hitherto captured of the enemy or of persons trying to evade our police regulations, will, through his Brigade Quartermaster or commanding officer, see that the same is turned in as above directed, and may afterwards draw it according to the Army Regulations if so entitled. The Government of the United States pays its agents salaries, which compensates them in full, and the Government is, of course, entitled to the benefit of all property captured of the enemy. If any articles be captured, such as are not needed by any one of the Army Departments, the Post Quartermaster will submit a list of the same from time to time to the commanding officer, who will order the sale thereof at Memphis, Saint Louis, or elsewhere, but no sale will be valid without such order.

All requisitions for captured property must be approved the same as if the articles had been procured by purchase.

The Provost Marshal, if in need of money or property, will make accounts against the Government, which accounts, when approved by the Commanding General, will be paid by the Post Quartermaster and charged against the fund in his hands arising from sale as above or the rents of houses seized for account of the Government. But in no event will the Provost Marshal, or any one in his employ, sell, convert, or give away any article whatever coming into his possession from the Provost Guard or from any of the guards, pickets or sentinels of the command. When rewards are offered, they can be paid as other accounts and not otherwise.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

J. H. HAMMOND,
Assistant Adjutant General.

GENERAL ORDERS	}	HEADQUARTERS FIRST DIVISION,
No. 88.	}	DISTRICT WEST TENNESSEE, <i>Memphis, October 16, 1862.</i>

The Engineer in charge of Fort Pickering will lay off a plat of ground of about three acres at some suitable point south or east of the fort for a cemetery, and will inclose it with a good stout fence with strong gates. The lines should conform, as near as may be, to the streets and lanes of the survey of the city of Memphis in order that the ownership of the property may be ascertained at some future time.

2. Hereafter all interments of soldiers or employees about the fort will be made in the fort cemetery, and the bodies which have been buried outside the fort will be removed to the cemetery. Whenever a soldier dies the Colonel of his regiment will make requisition on the Quartermaster for the necessary lumber, and will see that each grave of his men is marked with a suitable headboard. All funerals must be conducted strictly according to the Army Regulations.

Interments for the general hospital will be made at Elmwood as heretofore.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

J. H. HAMMOND,
Assistant Adjutant General.

GENERAL ORDERS } HEADQUARTERS FIRST DIVISION,
 No. 90. } ARMY OF THE TENNESSEE,
Memphis, October 25, 1862.

To insure harmony in the administration of government in the Division of Memphis, the following modifications and changes are made and published for the information of all concerned :—

1. Colonel D. C. Anthony is announced as the Provost Marshal for the City and Division of Memphis, with Major Williard and Lieutenant Edwards as assistants—office on Court street, corner of third. One regiment of Infantry and a squadron of Cavalry will compose the Provost Guard—headquarters in the Irving Block, Second street, opposite Court Square.

This guard will be distributed according to the orders of the Provost Marshal, and will receive their instructions from him.

A Military Commission composed of three officers of the army will set daily at the office of the Provost Marshal and will try all offenders under the laws of war. Their sentences, when approved by the Commanding General, will be executed by the Provost Marshal.

2. The city police, composed of one hundred men, will also be under the orders and supervision of the Provost Marshal. He will muster and inspect them and satisfy himself that the officers are competent, and that the men are sober, industrious and of good reputation. He will require each and every one to take the oath of allegiance prescribed by the Congress of the United States. He will, on consultation with the chief of police, divide them into a day and night watch, assigning to each a beat or district for which he will be held responsible. If a burglary, robbery, riot or disturbance of the peace occurs on any beat, the policeman will be forthwith suspended from duty and pay, and be tried by the Military Commission or recorder of the city for complicity or neglect, and on the trial the burden of proof will rest with the accused to show that he was on his post and vigilant. If found guilty, he will be punished by dismissal from office, by fine, imprisonment, or such other penalty as the court may impose. The appointment of the city police will remain as now with the city authorities, but should they fail to fill a vacancy within three days of a notice, the Provost Marshal will appoint a successor. Their payment will also be made

by the city treasurer, and all fines, penalties, and seizures made by the city recorder and police will as heretofore go to the city treasurer.

3. All soldiers or officers arrested, or citizens taken by scouts, pickets or guards, will be sent to the Irving Block, and all offenders against the laws of the State of Tennessee, or the ordinances of the City of Memphis, will be sent to the city lock-up, at the corner of Third and Adams streets. Military prisoners will be sent under guard daily to their respective brigades. Offenders against military law or order will be tried by the Military Commission; all other offenders will as heretofore be tried by the city recorder.

4. Soldiers will not be arrested by the city police unless detected in the actual commission of crime, when they will be taken to the nearest camp or Provost Guard. But if any unlawful assemblage of soldiers or stragglers from camp is discovered, it is the duty of the police to send prompt notice to the nearest military guard.

5. Citizens detected in the commission of any grade of crime will be arrested by any guard, civil or military, and all vagrants, thieves, or men of bad reputation, having no visible means of support, or who are known to be dangerous persons to the peace and quiet of the community, will be restrained of liberty and organized into a gang to work on the trenches, roads, or public streets, under the direction of the chief of police or Provost Marshal, at the latter's direction.

6. Citizens found lurking about the camps or military lines will be arrested and treated as spies. None will by day approach Fort Pickering nearer than Headquarters, on Tennessee street, or the Horn Lake road; and by night are cautioned that the sentinels have loaded muskets and are ordered to use them if persons are found lurking, under suspicious circumstances, near their posts.

7. All citizens will keep to their houses at night, between tattoo and reveille, unless attending church, a place of amusement, a party of friends, or on necessary business, in which cases they will return to their houses by the proper streets. After midnight all must be in their houses, except the proper guards, watchmen, or patrols. If found in alleys, by-ways, lots not their own, or unusual places, they will be locked up for the night.

8. Negroes will be subject to laws of the State and to city ordinances applicable to free negroes. They can work at any trade or calling, hire out, or, if they choose, return to their former masters, but no force will be used one way or the other. Soldiers not on duty should not meddle in this matter, but guards and sentinels on duty will assist all who appeal to them for protection against violence or undue force. Assemblages of negroes are prohibited, except on permission previously granted by the Provost Marshal, setting forth the object, place, time of closing, and probable number to be assembled. If, however, they commit crime of any kind, theft, robbery, violence, or trespass on property, they must be punished according to law.

9. The object and purpose of this order is to punish or restrain all disorders or crimes against the peace and dignity of this community. In time of war the military authorities must of necessity be superior to the civil, but all officers and soldiers must remember that this state of war is but temporary, and the time must come when the civil will resume its full power in the administration of justice in all parts of the country.

The interest and laws of the United States must be paramount to all others, but so far as the laws, ordinances and performances of the people of this community are consistent with those of the General Government, they should be respected. The Provost Marshal and city council will make all proper rules necessary to carry this order into effect and make them public.

W. T. SHERMAN,

Major General Commanding.

GENERAL ORDERS	}	HEADQUARTERS FIRST DIVISION,
No. 92.	}	DEPARTMENT OF THE TENNESSEE, <i>Memphis, October 28, 1862.</i>

The troops at and near Memphis will be mustered for pay and inspected by their respective Brigadiers and the Chiefs of Artillery and Cavalry on the 31st instant. Each mustering officer will make to the Commanding General a special report of inspection, and will pay particular attention to the organization of each regiment of Infantry and company of Cavalry and Artillery, that the rolls are in strict conformity with the organization prescribed by General Orders No. 126, issued from the War Department on the 6th of

September, 1862. In troops of Cavalry and batteries of Artillery, when chief trumpeters, saddlers, farriers, wagoners, teamsters, blacksmiths and artificers are in excess of organization, it will be particularly stated whether they are mustered into the service as such, or as privates, detailed from companies to serve in their present positions.

Major W. D. Sanger, Aide-de-Camp, is appointed to assist the various Colonels of regiments and Captains of Cavalry and Artillery in preparing their rolls, and may at any time be consulted on their business at General Headquarters.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

J. H. HAMMOND,
Assistant Adjutant General.

DISTRICT OF MEMPHIS.

GENERAL ORDER } No. 93. }	HEADQUARTERS, DISTRICT OF MEMPHIS, <i>Memphis, November 12, 1862.</i>
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The troops now at Memphis, and arriving, will be arranged into five Brigades:—

1st Brigade—Brigadier General M. L. Smith.

- 8th Missouri, Colonel Giles A. Smith.
- 6th Missouri, Colonel Peter E. Bland.
- 113th Illinois, Colonel George B. Hoge.
- 54th Ohio, Colonel T. Kilby Smith.
- 120th Illinois, Colonel G. W. McKeaig.

3d Brigade—Brigadier General J. W. Denver.

- 48th Ohio, Colonel P. J. Sullivan.
- 53d Ohio, Colonel W. S. Jones.
- 70th Ohio, Colonel J. R. Cockerill.

2d Brigade—Colonel J. Adair McDowell.

- 6th Iowa, Lieutenant Colonel J. M. Corse.
- 40th Illinois, Colonel J. W. Booth.
- 46th Ohio, Colonel C. C. Walcutt.
- 13th U. S. Infantry, Major D. Chase.

4th Brigade—Colonel David Stuart.

55th Illinois, Lieutenant Colonel O. Malmborg.

57th Ohio, Colonel W. Mungen.

83d Indiana, Colonel Spooner.

116th Illinois, Colonel Tupper.

127th Illinois, Lieutenant Colonel Eldridge.

5th Brigade—Colonel R. P. Buckland.

72d Ohio, Lieutenant Colonel D. W. C. London.

32d Wisconsin, Colonel J. H. Howe.

93d Indiana, Colonel Thomas.

93d Illinois, Major Q. M. Fisher, commanding.

The Brigades will be arranged into two Divisions.

1st Division—Brigadier General Denver commanding—2d, 3d, and 5th Brigades. General Denver will have his Headquarters in Fort Pickering, will be considered the commander thereof, and will give all necessary orders for its guard, police, &c.

2d Division—Brigadier General M. L. Smith commanding—1st and 4th Brigades. General Smith will be considered specially in command of the outer lines, and will give his attention to the location of camps, their police and discipline. Headquarters on Poplar street.

II...All the troops at Memphis will prepare at once for field service. Each regiment will reduce its baggage and transportation to the standard fixed in General Orders No. 160, from the Headquarters of the Army, and will pay special attention to their arms, ammunition and equipments.

III...The 1st Division will draw its supplies of provisions from Captain Morton, Commissary Subsistence, in the warehouse at Fort Pickering. The 2d Division will draw its supplies from Captain Hinsdale, Commissary Subsistence, on board the wharf boat. Quartermaster and Ordnance supplies will as heretofore be drawn from Captain J. Condit Smith, Assistant Quartermaster, and from Captain Neely, Ordnance officer, Fort Pickering. Captain H. S. Fitch is announced as Post Quartermaster, specially charged with the administration of his Department of Memphis, and Captain Swain,

Assistant Quartermaster, is charged with the transportation department and such other duties as may be assigned to him.

IV...The regiments to arrive will be assigned to brigades to fill up the blanks in the brigades, and will at once report to their respective Brigadiers, who will at once instruct them in their duties.

V...Commanders of divisions and brigades will at once fill their respective staffs, and announce their names and offices in orders. All such staff officers must be well mounted, and if they be not entitled by law to horses, their commanders will make the necessary requisitions for approval and order at these Headquarters. Officers acting as staff officers, and mounted orderlies, are entitled to forage drawn on returns the same as officers and men of like rank in the Cavalry service.

VI...The Commanding General expects all officers now to vie with each other in the display of soldierly zeal, for all have now had most valuable experience under all the circumstances to which soldiers are usually exposed. Let all marches and military movements be conducted in compact, good order, in cheerfulness and silence, and honor and fame will be our certain reward.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman:

J. H. HAMMOND,

Assistant Adjutant General.

GENERAL ORDERS }
No. 96. }

HEADQUARTERS,
DISTRICT OF MEMPHIS,
Memphis, November 23, 1862.

I...Brigadier General Lauman, having reported for duty, is assigned to the command of the 6th Brigade. The 5th and 6th Brigades will constitute the 3d Division, under command of Brigadier General Lauman.

II...The commander of each of the Divisions will detail one regiment from his division to remain at Memphis, to compose the garrison of Fort Pickering. The regiment from the 1st Division will occupy the right flank, that of the 2d Division to occupy the left flank, and that of the 3d Division the centre within the cavalier.

Each Division Commander will also cause all the sick in hospital to be transferred to the general hospital, and the sick in quarters to be organized into one or more companies, under command of invalid officers, to remain at Fort Pickering as a part of its garrison.

III...The Post Quartermaster will forthwith provide a suitable storehouse in which to receive all surplus baggage of the regiments about to march, and commanders of regiments will forthwith reduce their baggage to the minimum prescribed by General Orders No. 3, Headquarters Department of the Tennessee, November 1, 1862, and be prepared to march on Wednesday morning, the 26th instant.

IV...Each regiment will provide itself with five days' rations, and ammunition at the rate of 200 cartridges per man. The Chief of Artillery will assign three field batteries to each division, and the 6th Illinois Cavalry will attach its train to that of the 1st Division, and will move under the immediate order of the Commanding General. The Quartermaster will at once organize all army wagons, not belonging to regiments on the march, into three trains of about equal numbers to accompany the three Army Divisions. These will be loaded with provisions and be ready to move on Wednesday morning. The train for the 1st Division will be parked in front of the fort, prepared to move by Jackson street; that for the 2d Division on Poplar street near General Smith's Headquarters, and that for the 3d Division south of the fort near the camp of the 32d Wisconsin; each to be careful to leave the road clear.

V...The Chief Quartermaster may seize any wagon or carriage or other vehicle, suitable for the transportation of stores or sick, to be added to the train. Forage will be obtained in the same manner as during the march last summer, viz: Brigade Quartermasters or Commissaries will take from the farmers and planters, giving a memorandum receipt, which receipt will be taken up by the Chief Quartermaster or Commissary by loyalty vouchers. Pillage or robbery by the soldiers or subordinate officers must be promptly checked and punished. The route of march and destination will be confided to the Commanders of Divisions.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

J. H. HAMMOND,

Assistant Adjutant General.

GENERAL ORDERS }
 No. 97. }

HEADQUARTERS,
 DISTRICT OF MEMPHIS,
Memphis, November 25, 1862.

First day's march.

General Denver moves, by the Pigeon Roost road, out Vance street, crosses Nonconnah and camps fourteen or fifteen miles out. General Smith marches out Poplar street and State Line road to Germantown. General Lauman marches out Hernando road to the cross road beyond Anderson, turns east and makes—say thirteen miles.

Second day's march.

General Denver moves on the Pigeon Roost road to Bihalia, fourteen miles. General Smith moves from Germantown to Bihalia, camping on the left of Denver. General Lauman moves up to Pigeon Roost road and follows Denver, camping on his right rear.

Third day's march.

General Denver leads on the Tchullahomma road, about twelve miles across Pigeon Roost Creek. General Lauman follows Denver and encamps to his right rear. General Smith follows Lauman and encamps to his left rear.

Fourth day's march.

General Denver moves into Tchullahomma. General Lauman follows and encamps on his right. General Smith follows and encamps on his left.

Cavalry.

Four companies to accompany Lauman; eight companies keep with the main centre, and, during the three days' march, will file to the left and communicate with Grant near Holly Springs or Lumpken's Mill, seven miles south of Holly Springs. Each Division will have a good advance guard and flankers when necessary; also a good guard for the train.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman:

J. H. HAMMOND,
Assistant Adjutant General.

SPECIAL FIELD ORDER } HEADQUARTERS,
 No. 2. } DISTRICT OF MEMPHIS,
Army in the Field, November 29, 1862.

All citizens whatsoever, except those who are employed in the army, are hereby ordered to leave this command.

It is further ordered that all women, including the wives of officers and men, shall also leave.

The Major General commanding will send a train to Holly Springs, to which place the above persons and all unauthorized hangers-on must accompany it, and hereafter not be found in any camp under any pretext whatsoever. Letters and documents should go to Holly Springs at the same time.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman:

J. H. HAMMOND,
Assistant Adjutant General.

RIGHT WING—ARMY OF THE TENNESSEE.

(VICKSBURG EXPEDITION.)

SPECIAL FIELD ORDER } HEADQUARTERS RIGHT WING,
 No. 6. } ARMY IN THE FIELD,
Wyatt, Miss., December 3, 1862.

The General commanding, having observed with pain and regret the non-observance on the part of many of orders promulgated to this command before leaving Memphis, directs that the following instructions be issued for the government of all parties concerned, and the officers to whom they are directed are held rigidly responsible for their strict observance:—

I...Division Quartermasters will immediately obtain the exact number of ambulances in their respective divisions, and will thereupon meet and make an equitable division, one to each regiment, massing the remainder into division trains. The Artillery and Cavalry are alone excepted.

II...Hereafter, every morning, when the army moves at any early hour, the Division Surgeons will inform themselves of the number of sick who of necessity must be transported, and will thereupon see to the placing of them in the Division train, leaving the regimental ambulances empty for service during the day with their respective regiments. They will hold Regimental Surgeons to a strict accountability that none are permitted to ride who are improper cases for this indulgence. Men who are temporarily exhausted must, when rested, give place to others, as it is not intended to transport this army to the scene of action in ambulances. No knapsacks, or muskets, or forage must be put into the ambulances, which will be kept strictly for the uses declared by Army Regulations and General Orders, viz: transportation of the sick and wounded. To secure a strict observance of these orders, Division Surgeons will make from time to time on the march personal inspection, and will detail an Assistant Surgeon to take charge, under their direction, of the Division train of ambulances.

III...Ambulances, medicine wagons, pannier mules and teamsters are in the charge of the Regimental and Division Quartermasters respectively, who are responsible for the condition of the vehicles, teams and drivers, and they will be under the orders of the Regimental and Division Surgeons respectively, who are responsible that they are made to subserve the interests of the service in the manner prescribed by Regulations and General Orders.

IV...It will not be practicable to send sick to the rear as a general rule, and none will be sent when opportunity occurs without a report of their number, their regiment, and the circumstances rendering it necessary. It is not intended that this command shall melt away and be permitted to stay behind to serve out their time in general hospitals, without a record of their whereabouts, and precise information at these Headquarters as to the causes of their absence. Regimental Surgeons are instructed that they are to treat the sick in their regiments, and none must be sent away merely to get rid of them. Any want of attention or dereliction of duty, if reported to these Headquarters, will be promptly noticed, and officers so reported will be recommended for dismissal from the service. The success of our arms depending so largely upon the healthy condition of the troops, it is expected that medical officers will use every effort to

secure and maintain the highest possible state of health and efficiency in their respective commands.

Strict conformity to these instructions is enjoined upon all parties concerned.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

J. H. HAMMOND,
Assistant Adjutant General.

SPECIAL FIELD ORDER } HEADQUARTERS RIGHT WING,
No. 7. } WYATT, December 3, 1862.

Pursuant to orders from Major General Grant—

It is ordered that Captains of companies shall inspect the cartridge boxes of their men every Sunday morning, and charge fifty cents on the muster roll against every man for each cartridge that he has wasted or damaged.

This order will be immediately issued throughout all the regiments, and commanders of divisions, brigades and regiments will see that it is rigidly enforced.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

J. H. HAMMOND,
Assistant Adjutant General.

SPECIAL FIELD ORDER } HEADQUARTERS RIGHT WING,
No. 8. } ARMY IN THE FIELD,
Wyatt, December 4, 1862.

Captain J. Condit Smith is announced as Chief Quartermaster of this army, and all Quartermasters will obey his orders and instructions.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

J. H. HAMMOND,
Assistant Adjutant General.

SPECIAL FIELD ORDER } HEADQUARTERS RIGHT WING,
No. 9. } WYATT, December 4, 1862.

I...The 6th Illinois Cavalry, Colonel Grierson, will move forward early to-morrow morning to College Hill, and there encamp.

II...The 2d Division, General Morgan L. Smith, will march to-morrow on the right hand Oxford road to a good camp on the other side of Hurricane Creek, near Bowles Mill.

III...The 1st Division, General Denver, will follow, taking the left hand road, and proceeding to College Hill, there select a good camp.

IV...General Denver's regimental train will then follow him.

V...General Morgan L. Smith's regimental train will then follow to his camp.

VI...General Lauman's Division will remain at Wyatt till the day after to-morrow, and then move to a camp on the left hand Oxford road, beyond and near Hurricane Creek, leaving one regiment at Wyatt to guard the Division trains and the bridge.

VII...Maps will be furnished each Division Commander, and, as the roads are very bad, every soldier must carry his knapsack and as much provision as possible.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

J. H. HAMMOND,
Assistant Adjutant General.

GENERAL ORDERS } HEADQUARTERS RIGHT WING,
No. 2. } COLLEGE HILL, MISS., *December 6, 1862.*

The indiscriminate and extensive plundering by our men calls for a summary and speedy change. Our mission is to maintain, not to violate all laws human and divine.

Plundering is hurtful to our cause and to the honorable tone which should characterize the army of a great nation.

I...The Government of the United States undertakes to pay, clothe and feed her troops well, and is prepared to do it. The officers and soldiers have no right to look to any other quarter for compensation or subsistence.

By existing orders the Quartermasters and Commissaries of brigades may take corn fodder and any species of forage, and cattle, hogs, sheep, meal or any species of subsistence stores, which property they account for to the Government—to pay for the same or not, according to the loyalty of the owner.

Firewood can be taken by the troops from the standing or fallen timber, or even rails, when such timber is not to be had, but the taking of chickens, turkeys, pigs, or anything by soldiers is as much pillage and stealing as though committed in our own country, as these articles in fact belong to the Government of the United States, whose agents are present prepared to take them and issue to the troops as a part of their regular rations.

II...Each Brigadier will hold the Colonel or commander of a regiment responsible, that, when any of his men leave their ranks and pillage, not only shall the stolen articles be turned in to the Brigade Quartermaster or Commissary, but the soldiers be punished by fine or otherwise, by sentence of a field officer

III...Each Brigadier may detail any officer and a sufficient number of men to forage, who will collect cattle, hogs, sheep, or any kind of subsistence, and also forage, which shall in all instances be receipted for by the proper accounting officer and issued to troops as part of their regular supplies.

IV...On a march soldiers must never leave their ranks without the order of their Brigadier. If found out of their ranks, unless in the ambulances by order of the Surgeon, the Colonel will see that they are tried by a field officer as stragglers or pillagers.

V...The firing of a gun is a false alarm and will be punished as such, and if any man is a mile from his camp, unless sent for water or on other duty, by the Articles of War, he must be very severely punished. Patrols sent out may fire on such men, as they are as much enemies of their country as the "secesh."

VI...Colonels of regiments will cause the Articles of War to be read to their men now, and repeat it every month, and impress on them that they are employed to do the work of their Government and not their own will; and that we are in a hostile country where large armies, though unseen, are manœuvring for our destruction.

To be ready we must act in concert, prepared to move in any direction at a moment's notice, and this would be impossible if men are allowed to roam about the country plundering at will.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

J. H. HAMMOND,
Assistant Adjutant General.

GENERAL ORDERS } HEADQUARTERS RIGHT WING,
 No. 3. } COLLEGE HILL, *December 9, 1862.*

1. The battalion of regulars, and a section of 20-pounder Parrott guns, commanded by Lieutenant Hart, are hereby attached to the 2d Division, General M. L. Smith, and will proceed forthwith to join that Division at its camp.

2. The 2d Division, General M. L. Smith, will take up its line of march towards Memphis, crossing the Tallahatchie and Wyatt's to-day, and await the arrival of the Commanding General.

General Smith will turn over to General Lauman any surplus ammunition or stores with their wagons.

3. The 1st and 3d Divisions, Generals Denver and Lauman, will make their consolidated reports, each separate, to General Grant's Headquarters, and the commander of each division will report by letter for orders to Colonel J. A. Rawlins, Assistant Adjutant General, Oxford, Mississippi.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

J. H. HAMMOND,
Assistant Adjutant General.

GENERAL ORDERS } HEADQUARTERS RIGHT WING,
 No. 5. } COLLEGE HILL, *December 9, 1862.*

General Sherman in taking leave of the officers and men of the 1st and 3d Divisions of his command expresses his earnest regret that the necessities of war occasion this temporary separation. We have now been together since the eventful expedition up the Tennessee River, and have slowly, but surely and steadily, advanced into the enemy's country, till we have broken one of their last barriers to our progress.

The General thanks officers and men for their courage and patriotism, and feels assured that we will soon meet again under most happy auspices.

We are all embarked in the same cause, venerate the same Constitution and Government, and march towards the same destination. Our routes are for a short time different, and he will watch with a feeling heart for the familiar colors of the regiments from whom he is thus temporarily separated. Until that time he bids all a heartfelt

good-bye. He assures the men and officers that their Generals study by night and day the plans which lead to victorious results at the least cost of life, and they may go on with confidence and courage, assured that every step they take is on the certain road to success and glory.

With wise counsels and unity of action our country must in the end rise from this horrible civil war purified and ennobled by the struggles and labor of her patriotic soldiers.

W. T. SHERMAN,
Major General.

GENERAL ORDERS } HEADQUARTERS RIGHT WING,
No. 6. } THIRTEENTH ARMY CORPS,
Memphis, December 13, 1862.

I...The following organization of troops is hereby adopted:—

The Division now commanded by Brigadier General A. J. Smith is the First Division, and will habitually have the right or advance.

The Division of Brigadier General Morgan L. Smith will remain as now the Second Division, and will compose habitually the centre.

The Division of General G. W. Morgan will be styled the Third Division, and will constitute the left.

Other regiments may arrive and will be assigned specially to strengthen these Divisions, and the troops now at Helena, to be assigned to this wing, will compose the Fourth Division or Reserve.

II...Division Commanders will forthwith make special returns to this office of the strength of their command for active service, and will give close and assiduous attention to all the details necessary to make them efficient by land or water. They will have all things ready to embark by water or take the field by or before the 18th.

III...In case of embarkation the First Division will use the levee within Fort Pickering; the Second Division, the levee from the packet landing to the mouth of Wolf River; the Third Division, from packet landing to the fort.

All commanders and Quartermasters will forthwith familiarize themselves with these localities and routes leading to them, being careful not to cross the route of any other division, and they may select and have the exclusive use of some one or more buildings and warehouses contiguous, in which to assemble their material of war not in the hands of the men.

IV...Each soldier must carry his musket, sixty rounds of ammunition, knapsack, haversack, and canteen, and nothing else; officers their side-arms, and a small trunk or valise, carefully marked.

Companies not to exceed four tents for company, and one for the officers, with five days' rations, and cooking utensils compact and handy.

Regiments—One ambulance, four good six-mule or horse wagons, and one wagon loaded with extra cartridges. Brigades—a small special train to carry ammunition to complete a quantity of 200 cartridges per man, inclusive of those in cartridge boxes and regimental wagons; and divisions—a small train to repair losses, tools for all sorts of repairs, building bridges, repairing roads and making redoubts, obstructions and rifle-pits.

V...Boats on arrival will be assigned to these divisions or the reserve by the Chief Quartermaster, Eddy, and the Division Quartermasters will see they are fairly distributed and landed at the most convenient points.

VI...Commanders of divisions will forthwith proceed to make all possible preparations, and no excuses will be made or entertained.

Time is the important element in the movement, and matters must not be delayed to the moment of embarkation.

VII...The troops now in Fort Pickering and the detachments not hitherto assigned to one or other of these divisions, will continue as heretofore under the command of Major General Hurlbut, who will control all matters pertaining to the City and District of Memphis.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

J. H. HAMMOND,

Assistant Adjutant General.

SPECIAL ORDERS }
No. 14. }

HEADQUARTERS RIGHT WING,
THIRTEENTH ARMY CORPS,
Memphis, December 15, 1862.

Captain W. L. B. Jenney, of the Engineer Corps, is hereby attached to the Staff of the General commanding, and will turn over to Lieutenant Koepner the necessary funds and instructions to enable him to prosecute the present work at Fort Pickering and carry them to completion. Captain Jenney will forthwith consult with Captain

Eddy, Chief Quartermaster, and provide as quick as possible the tools and materials for a bridge of about 400 feet in length, making allowance for the timbers easily got on the ground; these tools and materials to be prepared for carriage inland some twenty miles.

Captain Jenney will be prepared to embark by Thursday, December 18, with the General's personal Staff.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

J. H. HAMMOND,
Assistant Adjutant General.

SPECIAL FIELD ORDER } HEADQUARTERS RIGHT WING,
No. 19. } THIRTEENTH ARMY CORPS,
Memphis, December 16, 1862.

The following directions are issued for the government of all parties concerned :—

1. *Ambulances.*—All ambulances will be immediately examined by the Regimental and Division Quartermasters respectively, to the end that all may be put in complete repair. One ambulance will be retained by each regiment, and all the surplus, comprising all now on hand at this post, will be equitably divided among the three divisions comprising this command, to be formed into division trains, in the charge of the Division Quartermaster, and under the orders of the Division Surgeons. They will be so arranged in embarkation and transportation as to be with and under the control of the division to which they belong.

2. *Hospital Tents.*—Each regiment will have one hospital tent; all other hospital tents in the command, for whatever other purpose used, will be turned in to the Division Quartermaster. If there are so many surplus tents as to afford it, each Division Quartermaster will take six, to be used as a field hospital for his division, as necessity may arise. If there is not a sufficient number, whatever surplus there may be will be equally distributed.

3. Sick men who must be left will be examined by a Board of three Medical Officers in each division, who will pronounce upon their condition, and none will be left for the convalescent or general hospital without their descriptive lists. Company commanders will on no account neglect this plain duty. None will be left behind whose names are not on the record of the Board of Examin-

ers, as it will not be permitted that this command shall melt away without cause, and without the knowledge of the Commanding General as to the whereabouts of the men. Lists signed by the President and members of the Board, will be forwarded to the office of the Medical Director, who will give orders for the proper disposition of the cases.

4. Sick and convalescent, left behind on the movement of the 26th ult., will be examined by a Board of Medical Officers within the fort, and all who are able will rejoin their commands at once. Requisitions for immediate necessary supplies will be made in triplicate, according to form 49, Quartermaster's Department, approved by the Medical Director.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

J. H. HAMMOND,

Assistant Adjutant General.

GENERAL ORDERS	}	HEADQUARTERS RIGHT WING, THIRTEENTH ARMY CORPS, <i>Memphis, December 18, 1862.</i>
No. 7.		

I...No officer or man of the army will give any order to the captain or pilot, mate or hand of a transport. But the captain, pilot or engineer must place the boat in such position, or do whatever the commanding officer of the troops requires.

II...Captains, pilots and engineers of transports must hold their boats to their places in column ; must not fall behind or push ahead, keeping on the quarter following their Brigade leader. Each brigade will keep together, and each division in one group, whether on the river or lying to the shore.

Boats will not land singly on any account, but will, if need be, get wood or coal of some consort. If necessary to get wood, the Division Commander will give the necessary orders.

In case of grounding, striking a snag, or accident that disables a boat, she will make the alarm signal, and the nearest boats will go to the relief, and the nearest Brigade Commander give the necessary orders.

Boats carrying a Division Commander will carry the United States flag at the fore jack-staff and another at the stern. Brigade Commanders will carry the United States flag on the fore jack-staff and a regimental color near the pilot house.

All other boats will simply carry their regimental colors near the pilot house, without any other signal. In making landings for rendezvous, or for the night, or to lay by, divisions will keep well apart, occupying opposite shores, but near enough to hear a gun or boat whistle. If lying to, a single gun from the head of column will be the signal to make steam and for a start. Each division will move in succession, in this order: First, second, third and fourth, unless one or other is detailed by Special Orders, of which notice will previously be given.

In case a boat is fired on from the shore by rifles or musketry, the nearest boat will at once make a landing and clear out all opposition; if fired on by cannon, the next Brigadier will effect a landing, and attack, sending prompt notice to the Division Commander, and he to the General in command of the whole. In case of any attack, the property or stores useful to the United States will be taken possession of, and the neighboring houses, barns, &c., burned.

First rendezvous is Helena; the second, Gaines' Landing; last, Milliken's Bend. On arrival of each, full morning and other reports will be made of regiments, brigades, and divisions. At the last rendezvous, Division Commanders, after disposing of their commands at the shore, will report in person to the General-in-Chief on board the flag-boat, "The Forest Queen." All officers in command are charged specially with the police and cleanliness of their boats, and the good condition of arms, cartridges, and accoutrements. All must be so arranged as to act promptly in landing. The best possible facilities must be adopted for cooking, and the commanders must see in person that their men and officers have all the conveniences of their boats. All firing of guns, or pistols, yelling or hallooing, or improper noises, must be prevented. These are all false signals, and mislead the commanders. A single gun from the flag boat will be signal for starting or closing up. If this column be lengthened out, Division Commanders will repeat the signal. Three guns fired in rapid succession will be the signal for danger.

The steamboats will use their accustomed signals, thus:—

STEAMBOAT SIGNALS.

Whistles.

To hail a boat—Five whistles.

To land a boat—Three whistles.

A boat to starboard—One whistle.

A boat to port—Two whistles.

Bells.

For starboard lead—One tap.

For port lead—Two taps.

In leaving shore—To get ready, signal for engineers, four taps, and one tap to let the lines go.

In coming to shore—Four taps of engine-room gong to let the engineer know that the boat is going to land.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

J. H. HAMMOND,

Assistant Adjutant General.

GENERAL ORDERS } HEADQUARTERS RIGHT WING,
 No. 8. } THIRTEENTH ARMY CORPS,
Memphis, December 18, 1862.

1. The expedition now fitting out is purely of a military character, and the interests involved are too important to be mixed up with personal or private business. No citizen, male or female, will be allowed to accompany it unless employed as part of a crew, or as a servant to the transports.

Chambermaids to boats, and nurses to sick, alone, will be allowed.

No laundresses, officers or soldiers' wives, must pass below Helena.

2. No person whatever, citizen, officer or sutler, will, on any consideration, buy or deal in cotton or other produce of the country. Should any cotton be brought on board of a transport, going or returning, the Brigade Quartermaster, of which the boat forms a part, will take possession of it and invoice it to Captain A. R. Eddy, Chief Quartermaster at Memphis.

3. Should any cotton or other produce be brought back to Memphis by any chartered boat, the Quartermaster, Captain Eddy, will take possession of the same and sell it for the benefit of the United States. If accompanied by its actual producer, the planter or factor, the Quartermaster will furnish him a receipt for the same, to be settled for, on proof of his loyalty, at the end of the war.

4. Boats ascending the river may take cotton from the shore for bulkheads to protect their engines or their crew, but on arrival at Memphis, it will be turned over to the Quartermaster, with a statement of the time, place and name of its owner. The trade in cotton must await a more peaceful state of affairs.

5. Should any citizen accompany the expedition below Helena, in violation of these orders, any Colonel of a regiment, or Captain of a battery, will conscript him into the service of the United States for the unexpired term of his command. If he show a refractory spirit, unfitting him for a soldier, the commanding officer present will turn him over to the captain of the boat as a deck hand, and compel him to work in that capacity, without wages, till the boat returns to Memphis.

6. Any person whatsoever, whether in the service of the United States or transports, found making reports for publication, which might reach the enemy, giving them information, aid and comfort, will be arrested and treated as a spy.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

J. H. HAMMOND,
Assistant Adjutant General.

GENERAL ORDERS } HEADQUARTERS RIGHT WING,
No. 9. } THIRTEENTH ARMY CORPS,
Memphis, December 19, 1862.

The 1st, 2d and 3d Divisions of the Right Wing will embark tomorrow, Saturday, December 20, according to previous notice and in the manner before ordered, and proceed with all dispatch by divisions below Helena, and lay to shore on the Mississippi side, the head of the column at Friar's Point, and the other divisions well closed up, there to await further orders.

The Quartermaster, Captain Eddy, will provide the necessary transportation and dispose the boats according to previous orders.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

J. H. HAMMOND,
Assistant Adjutant General.

GENERAL ORDERS } HEADQUARTERS RIGHT WING,
 No. 10. } THIRTEENTH ARMY CORPS,
Memphis, December 19, 1862.

The following named officers are announced as the Staff of Major General W. T. Sherman:—

Major J. H. Hammond, Assistant Adjutant General and Chief of Staff.

Major Ezra Taylor, Chief of Artillery.

Major W. D. Sanger, Acting Inspector General, Aide-de-Camp.

Major Charles McMillan, Medical Director.

Captain John T. Taylor, Aide-de-Camp.

Captain James C. McCoy, Aide-de-Camp.

Captain Lewis M. Dayton, Aide-de-Camp.

Captain J. Condit Smith, Chief Quartermaster.

Captain Charles C. Morton, Chief Commissary of Subsistence.

Captain W. L. B. Jenney, Engineer, Corps.

Captain O. H. Howard, Signal Corps.

Captain Julian Pitsman, Topographical Engineers.

Lieutenant Kilian Frick, Topographical Engineers.

Headquarters for the present are on board the "Forest Queen."

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman:

J. H. HAMMOND,
Assistant Adjutant General.

SPECIAL FIELD ORDER } HEADQUARTERS RIGHT WING,
 No. 30. } 13TH ARMY CORPS, ST'R FOREST QUEEN,
Helena, December 21, 1862.

General Steele, with four brigades of Cavalry, Artillery, and Infantry, having been assigned to this Wing of the Army of the Tennessee, will embark his command on the boats provided, and drop down to a point in the river, on the Arkansas shore, opposite Friar's Point. All boats should be there by sunrise to-morrow, December 22d.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman:

J. H. HAMMOND,
Assistant Adjutant General.

SPECIAL ORDERS } HEADQUARTERS RIGHT WING,
 No. 31. } 13TH ARMY CORPS, ST'R FOREST QUEEN,
 December 22, 1862.

First Division, General A. J. Smith.

Des Arcs—Division Headquarters.
 Metropolitan—6th Indiana Volunteers.
 J. H. Dickey—23d Wisconsin Volunteers.
 J. C. Snow—16th Indiana Volunteers.
 Hiawatha—96th Ohio Volunteers.
 J. S. Pringle—67th Indiana Volunteers.
 J. W. Cheeseman—9th Kentucky Volunteers.
 R. Campbell, jr.—97th Indiana Volunteers.
 Duke of Argyle—77th Illinois Volunteers.
 City of Alton—108th and 48th Ohio Volunteers.
 City of Louisiana—Mercantile Battery.
 Iowa—131st Illinois Volunteers.
 Ohio Belle—17th Ohio Battery.
 Citizen—83d Ohio Volunteers.
 Champion—Commissary boat.
 General Anderson—Ordnance.

Second Division, General M. L. Smith.

Chancellor—Headquarters Division and Thielman's Cavalry.
 Planet—116th Illinois Volunteers and section of Parrott guns.
 City of Memphis—Batteries "A" and "B," 8th Missouri Volunteers.
 Omaha—57th Ohio Volunteers.
 Sioux City—83d Indiana Volunteers.
 Spread Eagle—127th Illinois Volunteers.
 Edw. Walsh—113th Illinois Volunteers.
 Westmoreland—55th Illinois Volunteers and Headquarters of
 4th Brigade.
 Sunny South—54th Ohio Volunteers.
 Universe—6th Missouri Volunteers.
 Robert Allen—Commissary boat.

Third Division, General G. W. Morgan.

Empress—Division Headquarters.
 Key West—118th Indiana Volunteers.

Sam Gaty—69th Indiana Volunteers.

Northerner—120th Ohio Volunteers.

Bell Peoria—Headquarters 2d Brigade and two companies of 49th Ohio, and Pontoon train.

Die Vernon—3d Kentucky Volunteers.

War Eagle—49th Indiana—eight companies, and three guns Foster's Battery.

Henry Van Ghul—Headquarters 3d Brigade and eight companies of 16th Ohio.

Fanny Bullitt—114th Ohio, five guns Lamphere's Battery.

Crescent City—22d Kentucky and 54th Indiana Volunteers.

Des Moines—42d Ohio Volunteers.

Pembina—One gun Lamphere's Battery.

Lady Jackson—Commissary boat.

Fourth Division, General Steele.

Continental—Division Headquarters, Cavalry and Battery.

John J. Roe and Nebraska—4th, 9th and 31st Iowa Infantry.

Key West—1st Iowa Artillery.

John Warner—13th Illinois Volunteers.

Tecumseh—26th Iowa Volunteers.

Decatur—28th Iowa Volunteers.

Quitman—34th Iowa Volunteers.

Kennett—29th Missouri Volunteers.

Gladiator—30th Missouri Volunteers.

Isabella—31st Missouri Volunteers.

D. G. Taylor—Sixty men and horses; Quartermaster's stores.

Sucker State—32d Missouri Volunteers.

Dacotah—3d Missouri Volunteers.

Tatt—12th Missouri Volunteers.

Emma—17th Missouri Volunteers.

Adriatic—1st Missouri Artillery.

Meteor—76th Ohio Volunteers.

Polar Star—58th Ohio Volunteers.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

J. H. HAMMOND,

Assistant Adjutant General.

SPECIAL FIELD ORDER } HEADQUARTERS RIGHT WING,
 No. 32. } THIRTEENTH ARMY CORPS,
Milliken's Bend, December 25, 1862.

General A. J. Smith will detach a brigade at this point to march to the southwest and destroy effectually a section of the Vicksburg and Shreveport railroad near the Tensas, at or near a place called Jois Bayou. Each regiment will carry about ten axes and materials for firing the wood-work. Railroad trestles, ties and iron, for a reach of about a mile, will be piled up and burned. If any railroad bridges are encountered they will be burned, and telegraph lines pulled down and hidden in some deep water. Men will be provided two days' rations. The officer in command will press any number of guides, white or black, and may take any provisions, wagons or carriages needed by his command. He will start as early as possible, march in silence, and having accomplished his purpose will return and re-embark his command.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

J. H. HAMMOND,
Assistant Adjutant General.

SPECIAL ORDERS } HEADQUARTERS RIGHT WING,
 No. 34. } THIRTEENTH ARMY CORPS,
Forest Queen, December 25, 1862.

The point of disembarkation is at the point marked "C" on the chart, up the Yazoo, on the east bank, about 13 miles.

The fleet will start at 8 A. M. to-morrow under convoy of the gun-boats, keeping well closed up and prepared for any event. Two companies on each boat will be fully equipped with loaded muskets, ready to return the fire should our progress be opposed.

The 3d Division, General G. W. Morgan, will lead and make a landing at the upper end of Johnson's farm, and promptly move out one brigade towards Mrs. Lake's plantation.

The 4th Division, General Steele, will follow and disembark at Johnson's farm, sending one brigade out on the Vicksburg road about two miles.

The 2d Division, General M. L. Smith, will follow and land just below General Steele. If General M. L. Smith has not returned by the hour of starting, General Stuart will move his brigade and leave these orders for General Smith to follow.

The 1st Division, General A. J. Smith, will then follow and disembark at a point above Bunch's sawmill.

The channel is deep, and boats will keep to the left hand bank, leaving the gunboats the right hand bank. The ammunition boat and two of the Commissary boats will remain near the gunboat, which will stay where the gunboat fleet now lies. After the boats are made secure, well apart, working parties will be set to work to unload the regimental wagons, the Artillery and Cavalry horses, and all things necessary for a five days' operations.

All surplus articles which cannot be transported in the regimental train will remain on board until further orders.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

J. H. HAMMOND,
Assistant Adjutant General.

SPECIAL ORDERS } No. 36. }	HEADQUARTERS RIGHT WING, THIRTEENTH ARMY CORPS, <i>December 26, 1862.</i>
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The movement to morrow will be as follows :—

1. General Morgan's 3d Division will move south and east around the bayou, as near Mrs. Lake's plantation as possible, taking with him the bridge and pontoon train and a good supply of axes, picks, and shovels. He will reach the county road from Vicksburg to Haine's Bluff, and effect a secure lodgment on the high ground east of the crossing place.

2. General Steele's Division will feel to his left and cross the old bayou as near Morgan as possible, but on a separate causeway or bridge, and reach the same high land.

3. General Morgan L. Smith's Division will oblique to his left and connect with General Steele, crossing the bayou at or near the same place by a separate causeway or bridge, and reach the county road.

4. General A. J. Smith will move direct on Vicksburg by the Banch's Mill road, keeping up a connection with General Morgan L. Smith. He will remove all obstacles on the main road, and occupy the attention of the battery that stands on the first hill north of Vicksburg.

5. Each division will carry its tools, and will cover its advance by a strong line of skirmishers and an advance guard. The main column will be so disposed as not to be raked by Heavy Artillery, in which arm alone is our enemy supposed to be superior to us. If either column encounters such batteries, after a careful reconnoissance of the flanks, a prompt, quick assault will be most effective and least destructive.

6. The Artillery, (guns, caissons, and battery wagons,) the ambulances and ammunition wagons alone will accompany the columns. The men should have two days' rations with them and be prepared to bivouac.

7. One regiment of each division will remain with the steamboats as a guard to the wagons and boats acting in concert with the gunboats.

8. As soon as the lodgment is made on the high ground at and beyond the county road, Division Commanders may send back for wagons and provisions, but we cannot be encumbered with a train for some days.

9. Each division will reconnoitre to its front and left, connecting with their nearest neighbor, during the night and at daybreak, and will move at 7 A. M., reporting everything of interest during the night and early in the morning to the Commanding General on board the Forest Queen, until 8 A. M., after that hour to him near the Division of M. L. Smith.

10. In case any men reach or are sent to the river at any point where they may encounter a gunboat, they must be carefully instructed to show the United States flag and two white handkerchiefs or cloths, one on each side of the flag. This is the signal agreed on by myself and Admiral, by which our troops can be distinguished from the rebels, who sometimes display our flag and wear our clothes.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

J. H. HAMMOND,
Assistant Adjutant General.

SPECIAL ORDERS }
 No. 37. }

HEADQUARTERS RIGHT WING,
 THIRTEENTH ARMY CORPS,
 December 28, 1862.

Movements for the day.

1. The centre or 2d Division will cross the bayou and form on two lines facing east, the lines seeking cover and separated by about 100 yards. The movements to be made in silence and in good order.

2. The left or 3d Division in a like manner will cross the bayou, form in two lines in perfect silence and in good order, facing east, and covered by timber or shape of ground if possible.

3. One brigade of the 1st Division will cross the bayou and form in two lines, facing east, to the rear of the space between the centre and left division, supporting the left centre.

4. The 4th Division, or reserve, will cover the left and support the left of Morgan's Division, and at the same time make feints as if moving north to Haine's Bluff.

One brigade of General A. J. Smith's Division will hold the position where the main road from Johnson's to Vicksburg intersects the road from Vicksburg to Mrs. Lake's, with advanced skirmishers and Infantry on the Vicksburg batteries at the point where the Johnson's road comes into the main county road.

The whole line will move as nearly east as possible, as the ground will admit, simultaneously attacking the crest of hills in their front, Morgan's Division securing a lodgment on the top, M. L. Smith the face of the hill, and A. J. Smith the county road looking towards Vicksburg, keeping up a connection with the point of intersection of the roads before named.

Blair's Brigade will follow the movement of and support the centre.

After Morgan has passed the county road, Steele's reserve will hold the ground opposite his present position, looking towards Haine's Bluff on the county road near the foot of the hill.

When the assault commences, the brigades and regiments must be cautioned to keep their exact places in line, moving as rapidly as the nature of the ground will permit, and after securing the positions indicated, each division will be so disposed as to face either north or south, and so direct their fire as to assist their neighboring divisions.

If fixed batteries or rifle pits are encountered, the quicker they are carried the better, and the attacking party will follow on their heels until they are clear of the field.

Should the Artillery be unable to follow the movement of the Infantry, it should be sent under secure escort to the reserve, or to the rear near the bayou.

Each Division Commander will accomplish the object designated without calling for assistance, but will send prompt intelligence to the neighboring divisions, and to the Commander-in-Chief, who will be near the centre.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman:

J. H. HAMMOND,
Assistant Adjutant General.

SPECIAL ORDERS } HEADQUARTERS RIGHT WING,
No. 38. } THIRTEENTH ARMY CORPS,
December 30, 1862.

1. The three divisions will occupy the ground now held, keeping the front picket line close up to the bayou and towards Vicksburg. All but the pickets and supports will retire to near the effective range of caannister and form line parallel to the county road from Vicksburg to Haine's Bluff, stack arms and rest. Men may make fires in hollows 500 yards back of picket line.

2. General Morgan's left is on the bayou, and the other divisions and their pickets will connect with him. General Steele's Division will be held in reserve along Chickasaw bayou with pickets on its east side. The enemy will doubtless shell our positions, but our Artillery must not reply unless with a certainty of execution. The ammunition must not be wasted, as they will fire at our whole camp instead of a distinct object. Our Artillery should be covered by earthworks, and commanders of Infantry Brigades will, on application of any Artillery officer lying near him, furnish details for this work.

The 1st and 2d Divisions will furnish working parties of a regiment each, who will report to Captain Jenney, of the Engineers, with all the axes to be had, to corduroy the road from the landing to camp. The regiments at the steamboat landing will furnish one hundred men each, with due proportion of officers, to work the

road along the levee. They must corduroy all the boggy ground. Rations can be had at "Lake's." Artillery ammunition at Headquarters and on board the boat "General Anderson." Musket ammunition should be carefully husbanded and distributed in each division. All musket ammunition not now in the boxes of men or in regimental wagons, will forthwith be sent on board the "General Anderson," and delivered to Lieutenant Neeley, Ordnance officer, who will receipt for the same, and reissue to regimental commanders, so that each man has on his person sixty rounds. This should be attended to at once.

All absentees not wounded must be collected, and reports made to respective headquarters of the killed, wounded and missing.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

J. H. HAMMOND,
Assistant Adjutant General.

SPECIAL ORDERS } HEADQUARTERS RIGHT WING,
No. 39. } THIRTEENTH ARMY CORPS,
December 31, 1862.

Order for the Day.

1. The Infantry and Artillery of the 4th Division, General Steele's, will make preparations during the day for an important expedition; they will provide two days' cooked rations, and be careful of the condition of their arms, accoutrements, and ammunition. They will be ready to march by dark. One brigade of the 2d Division will, in like manner, prepare for the same expedition. All the officers and men will be instructed that silence is the chief element in the success of this proposed attempt.

That all signals of the drums and bugles will not be allowed, and that absolute silence must be preserved. Steele's Division will be disposed so as to move down the road along the Chickasaw bayou, and the brigade of the 2d Division back by the main road, so as not to be observed by the enemy's look-outs on the hill.

2. General Morgan will continue to strengthen his position for offense and defense, construct batteries and parapets to cover his guns and men, and make additional roads to his rear.

3. Cavalry of Steele's Division will cross Chickasaw bayou and reconnoitre the ground to our left and front.

4. General Smith will continue to strengthen his front, especially at the point occupied by Colonel Landram's Brigade; will improve the road to his rear and reconnoitre the ground to the right in rear of Long Lake and as far as False River.

All the troops must be prepared for instant action.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

J. H. HAMMOND,

Assistant Adjutant General.

SPECIAL ORDERS } No. 40. }	HEADQUARTERS RIGHT WING, THIRTEENTH ARMY CORPS, <i>December 31, 1862.</i>
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General Steele's Division, with two batteries, and without Cavalry, and the Infantry brigade of the 2d Division will constitute the force designated to co-operate with the fleet of gunboats in the assault on the battery at Haine's Bluff.

General Frederick Steele will command the whole, and will receive special instructions. The utmost silence and secrecy must be preserved. As soon as night sets in the regiments will march to the river, keeping bayonets unfixed, with muskets at a trail or right shoulder, so as not to be observed by the enemy's look-outs. Steele's Division to embark at the mouth of Chickasaw bayou, and the brigade of the 2d Division at Johnson's Landing, where General Steele will give all necessary orders. All should be aboard and asleep by 9 o'clock P. M. Regimental Quartermasters will ride in advance to ascertain the names of the steamers on which they are to embark; and Colonel Parsons, at the upper levee on board the steamer "Forest Queen," and Captain Buffinger, at Johnson's Landing, will assign boats to regiments promptly and without confusion. Regimental officers must accept the steamers assigned them without a murmur, and not take exceptions to the crowd, as time is material.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

J. H. HAMMOND,

Assistant Adjutant General.

SPECIAL ORDERS } No. 1. }	HEADQUARTERS RIGHT WING, THIRTEENTH ARMY CORPS, <i>Milliken's Bend, January 3, 1863.</i>
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The troops will prepare to disembark at Milliken's Bend as soon as the rain moderates.

General A. J. Smith's Division will take the levee from the Stores' Landing up the river for say half a mile. Above him Morgan's Division, leaving an interval so that they can be distinguished.

M. L. Smith's Division will leave a space at the Stores of about two hundred yards for the ordnance, quartermaster, and supply boats, and land his division next below the Stores, and Steele's Division next below him; all making good and permanent landing places for their supplies, much of which must be distributed by water.

The Quartermaster will take absolute possession of every house and shed at Milliken's Bend for storage.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

J. H. HAMMOND,

Assistant Adjutant General.

GENERAL ORDERS	}	HEADQUARTERS RIGHT WING,
No. 12.		THIRTEENTH ARMY CORPS, <i>Milliken's Bend, La., January 4, 1863.</i>

Pursuant to terms of General Orders No. 1, made this day by Major General McClelland, the title of our army ceases to exist, and constitutes in the future the Army of the Mississippi, composed of two Army Corps, one to be commanded by Brigadier General G. W. Morgan and the other by myself.

In relinquishing command of the Right Wing of the Army of the Tennessee and restricting my authority to my own corps, I desire to express to all commanders, to the soldiers and officers, recently operating before Vicksburg, my hearty thanks for the zeal, alacrity, and courage manifested by them on all occasions. We failed in accomplishing one great purpose of our movement—the capture of Vicksburg—but we were but a part of a whole. Ours was but one part of a combined movement in which others were to assist. We were on time; unforeseen contingencies must have delayed the others.

We have destroyed the Shreveport road: we have attacked the defenses of Vicksburg, and pushed the attack as far as prudence would justify, and having found it too strong for our single column we have drawn off in good order and in good spirits, ready for any new move.

3. Colonel Parsons will forthwith detail eight good strong transport boats, best supplied with fuel, to proceed to the mouth of the Yazoo, and report to Admiral Porter by 10 A. M. to-day for the purpose of towing the slow gunboats up stream ; and that the troops on board such tugs may not suffer, one of these boats must be a supply boat.

4. The Commanding General will give the signal to move from rendezvous, but between the rendezvous Division Commanders may control their boats and lay by whenever they choose to collect wood. On arrival at Montgomery Point boats should have full two days' fuel, and the whole time consumed in reaching Montgomery Point should not exceed sixty hours.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

J. H. HAMMOND,
Assistant Adjutant General.

SECOND CORPS—ARMY OF THE MISSISSIPPI.

GENERAL ORDERS } HEADQUARTERS SECOND CORPS,
 } ARMY OF THE MISSISSIPPI,
 } *Steamer Forest Queen, January 5, 1863.*

The undersigned hereby assumes command of the 2d Army Corps, Army of the Mississippi, and announces its organization as follows:—

W. T. Sherman, Major General, commanding.

J. H. Hammond, Assistant Adjutant General and Chief of Staff.
Ezra Taylor, Major and Chief of Artillery.

W. D. Sanger, Major and Inspector General.

Charles McMillan, Medical Director.

James C. McCoy, Captain and Aide-de-Camp.

John T. Taylor, Captain and Aide-de-Camp.

Lewis M. Dayton, Captain and Aide-de-Camp.

J. Condit Smith, Captain and Chief Quartermaster.

Charles C. Morton, Captain and Chief Commissary of Subsistence.

W. L. B. Jenney, Captain, Engineer Corps.

O. H. Howard, Captain, Signal Corps.

Julius Pitzman, Captain, Topographical Engineers.

Kilian Frick, Lieutenant, Topographical Engineers.

J. C. Neeley, Captain and Ordnance Officer.

First Division, Brigadier General Frederick Steele commanding.

1st Brigade, 1st Division, Brigadier General F. P. Blair, jr.,
commanding.

13th Illinois Infantry, Lieutenant Colonel A. B. Gorgas.

29th Missouri Infantry, Colonel John S. Cavender.

30th Missouri Infantry, Lieutenant Colonel Otto Schadt.

31st Missouri Infantry, Lieutenant Colonel Samuel P. Simpson.

32d Missouri Infantry, Colonel F. H. Manter.

58th Ohio Infantry, Captain B. Benkler.

2d Brigade, 1st Division, Brigadier General C. E. Hovey com-
manding.

17th Missouri Infantry, Colonel F. Hassendeubel.

25th Iowa Infantry, Colonel George A. Stone.

3d Missouri Infantry, Colonel Isaac F. Shepard.

76th Ohio Infantry, Colonel Charles A. Woods.

31st Iowa Infantry, Colonel William Smyth.

12th Missouri Infantry, Colonel Hugo Wangerlin.

3d Brigade, 1st Division, Brigadier General Thayer commanding.

4th Iowa Infantry, Colonel J. A. Williamson.

34th Iowa Infantry, Colonel George W. Clark.

30th Iowa Infantry, Colonel Charles H. Abbott.

26th Iowa Infantry, Colonel Milo Smith.

9th Iowa Infantry, Lieutenant Colonel W. H. Coyle.

Artillery.

1st Iowa Battery, Captain H. H. Griffith.

4th Ohio Battery, Captain Lewis Hoffman.

1st Missouri Horse Artillery, Captain C. Landgrabur.

Cavalry.

3d Illinois Cavalry, Colonel L. McCrillis.

Blair's escort, 1st Lieutenant D. N. Ballou.

Steele's escort, Captain W. C. Wilder.

Second Division, Brigadier General David Stuart commanding.

1st Brigade, 2d Division, Colonel G. A. Smith commanding.

6th Missouri Infantry, Lieutenant Colonel J. H. Blood.

1st Battalion, 13th U. S. Infantry, Major D. Chase.
 8th Missouri Infantry, Lieutenant Colonel D. C. Coleman.
 116th Illinois Infantry, Colonel N. W. Tupper.
 113th Illinois Infantry, Colonel G. B. Hoge.

2d Brigade, 2d Division, Colonel F. Kelly Smith.
 55th Illinois Infantry, Lieutenant Colonel O. Malmborg.
 57th Ohio Infantry, Colonel William Mungen.
 83d Indiana Infantry, Colonel B. J. Spooner.
 127th Illinois Infantry, Colonel J. Van Arman.
 54th Ohio Infantry, Captain Yoeman.

Cavalry.

Thielman's Cavalry, Captain Marshner.

Artillery.

Company "A," 1st Illinois Artillery, Captain P. P. Wood.
 Company "B," 1st Illinois Artillery, Captain S. E. Barrett.
 Company "H," 1st Illinois Artillery, Lieutenant Levi W. Hart.
 8th Ohio Battery, Lieutenant J. Putnam.
 Four siege 30-pounder rifles, unattached.

II...Each Division and Brigade Commander will at once enter upon the discharge of his duty, and will select and announce his Staff to his own command, a copy of the order to be sent to these Headquarters. Provision returns should be approved at Division Headquarters, and requisitions for Quartermaster's and Ordnance stores at these General Headquarters.

Morning reports should be made to Division Headquarters, and consolidated morning reports, prepared in great detail and accuracy, made to these Headquarters tri-monthly. All orders heretofore issued by General Sherman at Memphis, or in the field, will be considered binding on his present command, unless they conflict with those of our common superiors.

III...The title of this command will be "The Second Army Corps of the Army of the Mississippi," until it is constituted one of the series for the whole Army of the United States. When such is announced in General Orders from the Adjutant General's Office, Washington, D. C., then it will take its new title without other changes.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

J. H. HAMMOND,

Assistant Adjutant General.

SPECIAL ORDERS } HEADQUARTERS SECOND CORPS,
 No. 5. } ARMY OF THE MISSISSIPPI,
Montgomery Point, January 8, 1863.

1. The corps will start to-morrow at 8 A. M. The boats must keep in their exact order about 100 yards apart.

First, "Forest Queen."

Second, "Continental," followed by boats of the 1st, 2d, and 3d Brigades of Steele's Division.

Third, the "Westmoreland," followed by boats of the 1st and 2d Brigades of Stuart's Division.

2. Two companies on each boat must be armed and equipped, ready to return a fire if a boat is fired in from shore. In case of the firing a volley, or anything indicating a force, the boat fired at will run by and land above, whilst the succeeding boats will land below and promptly attack the party, unless a gunboat be near, when it will shell the place from which the firing comes.

3. On reaching the place of disembarkation, each Division Commander will send a brigade out to cover the landing, and will immediately proceed to disembark men, arms, horses, wagons, &c., for a five days' operation, similar to our move at Yazoo. A small guard of the sick will remain at each boat, but any man remaining with the boat without the written detail of the Colonel will be treated as deserting his colors in action.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

J. H. HAMMOND,
Assistant Adjutant General.

FIFTEENTH ARMY CORPS.

GENERAL ORDERS } HEADQUARTERS,
No. 2. } FIFTEENTH ARMY CORPS,
Post of Arkansas, January 12, 1863.

Pursuant to General Orders No. 210, dated December 18, 1862, Adjutant General's Office, Washington, D. C., the corps now commanded by Major General W. T. Sherman will be known as the 15th Army Corps.

Its organization will remain unchanged.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

J. H. HAMMOND,
Assistant Adjutant General.

GENERAL ORDERS } HEADQUARTERS,
No. 3. } FIFTEENTH ARMY CORPS,
Post of Arkansas, January 12, 1863.

Ignorance of the rules of war as to pillage and plunder can no longer be pleaded. Laws of Congress, orders of the President, and my own have again and again been published.

A thorough inspection of every regiment and boat will be made within twenty-four hours of the publication of this order, and the Colonel of any regiment or commander of any company who allows any officer or soldier in his command to keep or use a horse, mule, gun, pistol, saddle, or any property not his own, will be arrested, and the offender will at once be put in irons, or tried and confined in the hold of some steamboat in charge of the Provost Guard.

Colonel Hoge, of the 113th Illinois, is charged with the execution of this order, and his regiment is assigned to duty as Provost Guard. Colonel Hoge, by himself or any officer of his regiment, with a written order, may search for stolen property, take it away by violence, even to killing, and will deliver the same to the Chief Quartermaster of this Corps, Captain J. Condit Smith.

If any officer or soldier, camp follower or steamboat hand, passenger or any person with this army, violates the laws of Congress

and orders of the President, it is the duty of every body to seize him and deliver him forcibly and sternly to this Provost Guard. That Colonel Hoge may execute this order thoroughly, he will camp near these Headquarters and use some steamboat hold or house in which to confine prisoners.

Prisoners found in possession of stolen horses, mules, saddles, muskets, rifles, shot-guns, or any species of property captured by the United States forces, will, while awaiting trial, be confined to bread and water unless the Chief Surgeon of one or other of the divisions certifies that the health of the prisoner is endangered thereby.

The Commanding General appeals to the good officers and soldiers, of whom he is proud to know his corps is mostly composed, to aid him in bringing to condign punishment the cowardly rascals who hang back when danger threatens, but are foremost in stealing, robbing and plundering.

Twenty-four hours notice is given, that those in doubt may turn in property not their own; after that the order must be rigorously enforced.

II...Each Division Commander will, early to-morrow, detail a sufficient party to bury the dead of the enemy, and the horses that lie in their immediate front. Accounts of the dead buried will be kept and reported along with the events of the recent battle.

III...Officers and soldiers found on steamboats or in houses, who have not a disabling wound or who are not in a regularly appointed hospital of their own regiment or brigade, will be arrested and turned over to the Provost Guard as deserters, and confined on bread and water.

IV...The General enjoins on all in authority to spare no pains to encourage and provide for the good, honest soldier, but not to spare the shirks who avail themselves of every plea, even sickness, to avoid the honorable duties of the good and brave.

The men who, in times like these, will not do their full share of fighting and labor, cannot be allowed to eat our rations and enjoy the shelter of boats and houses. These must be reserved to those who do their whole duty.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

J. H. HAMMOND,
Assistant Adjutant General.

SPECIAL ORDERS }
 No. 10. }

HEADQUARTERS,
 FIFTEENTH ARMY CORPS,
 Post Arkansas, January 12, 1863.

Brigadier General Frederick Steele, commanding 1st Division, and Brigadier General David Stuart, commanding 2d Division, will detail 250 men each, with a due proportion of officers, to report to these Headquarters at 8 A. M. to-morrow, well provided with picks, spades, axes, &c., for the purpose of leveling the fortifications at this place.

The detail to be relieved by a like number from each division at 1 P. M. to-morrow.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

J. H. HAMMOND,
Assistant Adjutant General.

GENERAL ORDERS }
 No. 4. }

HEADQUARTERS,
 FIFTEENTH ARMY CORPS,
 Post Arkansas, January 13, 1863.

This Corps will make preparation to re-embark on the transports as near as possible at the place where we landed, viz: just below the Notrib farm.

General Steele will move his command back to this point by the route he came, leaving one regiment on picket to destroy the cantonment now held by him, when he receives written orders from General Sherman to that effect. He will also leave a regiment to destroy the enemy's rifle-pits from our entrance right toward our left.

General Stuart will move his division back along the river bank, leaving one regiment as a picket and working party to report to Captain Jenney, of the Engineers, who is charged with the destruction of the rifle-pits carried by our Corps. This work should be done by night, and all details called in and assembled at the point of embarkation. The boats will be ordered to drop down to their places as soon as the new assignment is complete.

Wagons, horses, and all camp equipage will be put on board to-night, and the men embarked at daylight to-morrow ready to make a new move.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

J. H. HAMMOND,
Assistant Adjutant General.

SPECIAL ORDER } HEADQUARTERS,
 No. 14. } FIFTEENTH ARMY CORPS, *January 16, 1863.*

1. General Frederick Steele will keep a regiment on picket three miles out on the road leading up the Arkansas River.

2. General Stuart will keep one regiment as picket on the road leading down the Arkansas, three miles out.

No citizen whatever will be allowed to pass the lines, either going out or coming in.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

J. H. HAMMOND,
Assistant Adjutant General.

GENERAL ORDERS } HEADQUARTERS,
 No. 5. } FIFTEENTH ARMY CORPS,
Milliken's Bend, January 21, 1863.

General Stuart will forthwith disembark his Cavalry and order it to report to Colonel Stuart, Aide to General McClernand. The 1st Division will remain on board their boats at Milliken's Bend till further orders from General McClernand or myself. The 2d Division will forthwith prepare to follow the "Forest Queen" to Young's Point, and will be ready at 4½ P. M.

The boats will land in close and in good order, and one regiment from each brigade will be sent out two hundred yards, with vedettes two hundred yards further, immediately on landing. The entire Division will disembark at Young's Point at daylight, prepared to move four or five miles inland. Arms, accoutrements, and everything must be in order, and officers in command will attend to seeing landings made for the Artillery and wagons.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

J. H. HAMMOND,
Assistant Adjutant General.

GENERAL ORDERS }
 No. 6. }

HEADQUARTERS,
 FIFTEENTH ARMY CORPS,
 Young's Point, La., January 23, 1863.

Commanders of regiments will immediately unload their boats and bring all the camp and garrison equipage and transportation to near their present position, where they will make camps under direction of the commanders of brigades.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

J. H. HAMMOND,
Assistant Adjutant General.

[CIRCULAR.] HEADQUARTERS,
 FIFTEENTH ARMY CORPS,
 Young's Point, La., January 24, 1863.

Wagons must not be used to-day in the miry fields and roads. Officers wanting tents, provisions, ammunition, or anything absolutely necessary for their command, can send details of men with led mules to pack them to camp. Each brigade will make a special detail to fix the roads from their front back to these Headquarters, and Generals Steele and Stuart will keep good details on the main roads back from the front to the rear, as far as Mrs. Grove's, where the steamboats now lay. All steamboats now in use should be cleaned and discharged, but the property of regiments and companies need not be brought to camp till the weather improves. Only absolute necessaries should be carried on the road at this time.

The work on the canal must be continued during all weather till a good parapet is made in front.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

J. H. HAMMOND,
Assistant Adjutant General.

SPECIAL ORDERS }
 No. 19. }

HEADQUARTERS,
 FIFTEENTH ARMY CORPS,
 January 25, 1863.

General Hovey, of General Steele's Division, will immediately put his entire command to work on a road from his present position across to General Blair's force.

He will cut out the timber for 100 feet wide, and corduroy the swamps, so as to make a good road for Artillery and wagons.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

J. H. HAMMOND,
Assistant Adjutant General.

GENERAL ORDERS } No. 7. }	HEADQUARTERS, FIFTEENTH ARMY CORPS, <i>Camp before Vicksburg, January 26, 1863.</i>
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The Commanding General of the 15th Army Corps now expects every officer and man of his Corps to be a soldier, watchful, careful of his own personal wants and safety, and jealous of the safety, honor, and name of his regiment and corps. Nothing so elevates the character of an army and gives it health, compactness, and ability to strike strong blows, as guard duty well performed.

Our camps must be inclosed by a close line of sentinels, and an outside line of pickets and supports, according to the nature of the ground.

We are threatened day and night by as intelligent, desperate, and cunning an enemy as ever existed, and if we make a single mistake or neglect to guard any point, advantage will surely be taken of it and it will cost us lives.

The 1st Division will guard the space from Mrs Grove's house across the swamp to Biggs' plantation and up the levee to the old gate post near Ewing's—present right. The 2d Division will guard from that same point of the levee to the canal, and along the canal to the upper levee and along it to Mrs. Grove's house.

The 1st Division will picket down the river habitually to Johnson's plantation, and send scouts as much further as, from time to time, the Division Commander may order: and the 2d Division will picket up towards Vicksburg, as close as possible, so as to watch the movements of the enemy. This guard and pickets must be regularly detailed and posted daily, and no volunteering will be allowed.

Commanders of divisions and brigades may send select scouts to do particular work, but the guard duty must be a positive detail, with men and officers responsible all the time. Details for guards will be by companies, including officers and men, and no one will be excused but the sick regularly reported at sick-call by the Regimental

Surgeon, and the company cooks and teamsters. When a company is detailed for regular guard duty it will be announced by the Adjutant, publicly, in orders on parade the evening previous. One-fifth the command will be habitually on guard, viz: two companies per regiment; these will be divided into Brigade guard and Division guard, and every morning at 9 there will be a regular Brigade guard mounting, when companies detailed will be assembled at the place appointed by their Brigadier, inspected by the Brigade officer-of-the-day, and then marched to their post.

The Division officer-of-the-day will be responsible that the Brigade guard of the Division are properly posted, and that their chains of sentinels connect.

All officers-of-the-day for brigades, divisions, and corps must be announced the day before in orders; must be mounted, sash worn, so as to distinguish them, and must give their whole time to their duties. An officer-of-the-day represents his commanding officer, and for the time being commands the guards in his name. Brigade officers-of-the-day are charged with the actual posting of guards and sentinels, subject to instructions from the Division officer-of-the-day, and he subject to the General officer-of-the-day for corps. Colonels will furnish the roster for the *Corps d'armée*, Lieutenant Colonels for the divisions, and Majors for the brigades. Regimental guards and details are subordinate for the protection of their own camps and not for the defense of the army.

There will be a continuous chain of sentinels along the line and canal, with advanced vedettes close to the river edge and along the road from Grove's to Biggs', and sentinels must at all times be fully equipped and supplied with forty rounds of ammunition, must walk their posts, and actually notice all movements of an enemy without or irregularities within; they must be carefully instructed that they have absolute power, and must enforce the standing and Special Orders of the camp against all offenders, whatever their rank or station may be; they must watch the levee and give timely notice of any danger of break or overflow, and watch the batteries of the enemy and give notice of any dangerous shot or shell. At night they must have the countersign and allow no one to pass without it; they must challenge all parties approaching in a clear, sharp voice, but not with too much noise. Sentinels must be treated with the utmost respect, must be carefully and minutely instructed, and must

be relieved at least every two hours and then allowed four hours' rest. No fires allowed to sentinels; guards and supports must be conveniently posted, must have their belts on and muskets close at hand. They can have fires in a sheltered place. In case a regiment is ordered to march away, or in case of battles, the officer-of-the-day will send the detail to its regiment; but in case a regiment is simply detailed for work, the guard for the day and night before are excused. In all details by companies or regiments the officers must invariably go along with their men. This rule is invariable. Officers will frequently be examined by their superiors on the duties of guards, sentinels, &c., as prescribed by Army Regulations, and if found ignorant will be reported by Colonels to the respective Governors of States, that they be not promoted or advanced in their profession.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman:

J. H. HAMMOND,

Assistant Adjutant General.

GENERAL ORDERS }
No. 8. }

HEADQUARTERS,

FIFTEENTH ARMY CORPS,

Camp near Vicksburg, January 26, 1863.

I...In consequence of the great danger of an immediate breach in the levees and flooding of the land between the railroad and lower levee, General Steele may withdraw his two brigades from their present position to the field from the railroad to the upper levee or steamboat landing, near where his present 3d Brigade (Hovey's) is encamped; leaving a strong guard at and near the Biggs plantation, to be withdrawn by boats in case of a general flood.

II...In like manner the 3d Brigade, 2d Division, (Ewing's,) and such parts of the 2d Brigade (T. K. Smith's) as occupy ground south of the railroad bank, will move their camps and stores to any convenient camp within reach of the upper levee or landing, leaving a strong guard near the foot of the canal.

III...Increased efforts should be made by the working parties to prevent overflow coming from the canal, at least that part of it lying north of the railroad.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman:

J. H. HAMMOND,

Assistant Adjutant General.

SPECIAL ORDERS }
 No. 27. }

HEADQUARTERS,
 FIFTEENTH ARMY CORPS,
Camp near Vicksburg, January 30, 1863.

(*Extract.*)

Commanders of divisions will cause all grain sacks to be carefully saved, collected, and delivered to the Division Quartermaster, who will, as soon as they have on hand one hundred sacks, send them to the Engineer department north of and near General Stuart's Headquarters.

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By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

J. H. HAMMOND,
Assistant Adjutant General.

SPECIAL ORDERS }
 No. 34. }

HEADQUARTERS,
 FIFTEENTH ARMY CORPS,
Camp before Vicksburg, February 6, 1863.

(*Extract.*)

1. General Steele will detail the 58th Ohio to report to General Grant on board the "Magnolia," at 10 A. M., February 7, 1863, for service on the gunboats. They will be organized into companies, with one officer to take charge of each company. Any officer with the regiment, in excess of this number, will be detached and assigned to some other Ohio regiment or battery.

General Steele will also detail one or two regiments, amounting in the aggregate to about 600 men for duty, to go up the river on the "Yazoo Cut-Off" expedition in the gunboats. They will be ready to embark on steamboats early to-morrow morning, provided with fifteen days' rations. As they are to serve on gunboats during this expedition, they will not need tents or transportation, and will leave them in charge of some officer and regimental guard, to await the return of this detachment.

2. Brigadier General D. Stuart, commanding 2d Division, will detail two mounted orderlies and two Infantry men (guards) to report to the president of the Military Commission on board steamer "Forest Queen."

3. The officer in charge of the two 30-pounder rifle guns, now in position at the mouth of the canal, will deliver them with their ammunition and implements to the order of Colonel Ellet, commanding the ram "Queen of the West," now lying at the lower landing.

The officer commanding the Infantry guard will assist with all his men in putting these guns and ammunition on board the "Queen of the West," in such manner as Colonel Ellet may request.

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By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

J. H. HAMMOND,
Assistant Adjutant General

SPECIAL ORDERS } HEADQUARTERS,
No. 36. } FIFTEENTH ARMY CORPS,
Camp near Vicksburg, February 8, 1863.

(*Extract.*)

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5. Each division of this corps will furnish a daily detail of 500 men to work on the canal—reliefs to be at the discretion of Division Commanders. They will, with all their officers, report each morning at 7 o'clock to Captain Jenney, Engineer officer on the levee, between the main levee and the railroad.

On Monday, (to-morrow,) the 2d Division; Tuesday, 1st Division, and alternately.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

J. H. HAMMOND,
Assistant Adjutant General.

SPECIAL ORDERS } HEADQUARTERS,
No. 58. } FIFTEENTH ARMY CORPS,
Camp before Vicksburg, March 6, 1863.

1. Brigadier General F. Steele, commanding 1st Division, will reduce the picket at Bigg's plantation to the force of one regiment, with as small a quantity of baggage and equipment as possible, in order that everything may be withdrawn if rendered necessary by high water.

2. The battery commanded by Lieutenant Levi W. Hart will be removed to the work just finished at the foot of the canal.

Lieutenant Hart will bring his horses and all articles not immediately required for the use of the battery to a point between the railroad and the levee at the head of the canal, near the 2d Brigade, 2d Division.

General D. Stuart, commanding 2d Division, will keep a sufficient force near the new battery to give it ample protection and support.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

J. H. HAMMOND,
Assistant Adjutant General.

GENERAL ORDERS }
No. 10. }

HEADQUARTERS,
FIFTEENTH ARMY CORPS,
Near Vicksburg, March 7, 1863.

Our camps being threatened with overflow, preparations must be made to meet such an event. The only safe ground will be the levee in front of our camps till the troops can be embarked.

The water will enter the swamps to the rear of our camps, and will fill up, slowly advancing up the ditches and over the fields, until the level of the water inside is about eighteen inches below the level of the water outside.

To the 2d Division, General Stuart, is assigned all the levee below the point where the "Magnolia" lies. To the 1st Division, General Steele, all the levee above that point.

General McClernand's Corps, the 13th, has been ordered by General Grant to move up to Milliken's Bend. This will give us two points to embark, viz: in the slough near General McClernand's Headquarter's, and the present landing where the "Magnolia" lies.

General Steele's troops will use the former and General Stuart's the latter for embarkation of men and property when boats are assigned.

In the meantime each Division Commander will lay off and assign to each Brigade its proportion of the levee, and this again will be subdivided so that each regiment and company will have space for the men, provisions, and camp and garrison equipage.

Each Division Commander will designate the place to be occupied by the Artillery and Cavalry. When the levee is thus occupied, the Quartermaster, J. Condit Smith, will provide yawls and flats to

carry stores to and from the boats to the regiments, and will, as soon as possible, provide the necessary steamboats to embark the command, placing General Steele's boats up the slough now occupied by McClelland's Corps, and General Stuart's near the landings of the "Magnolia."

These general instructions are now given, but the troops need not vacate their present camps till their respective Division or Brigade Commanders think they are in danger; but all possible preparations will be made in advance.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman:

J. H. HAMMOND,
Assistant Adjutant General.

GENERAL ORDERS } HEADQUARTERS,
No. 11. } FIFTEENTH ARMY CORPS,
Near Vicksburg, March 11, 1863.

I...Colonel A. K. Johnson, 28th Illinois Volunteers, having, pursuant to orders from General Grant, reported for duty at these Headquarters, is announced as Aide-de-Camp, and will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

II...Lieutenant Jacob C. Hill, Aide-de-Camp to Brigadier General M. L. Smith, having reported for duty, will remain as Aide to Major General Sherman until further orders, and will be respected accordingly.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman:

J. H. HAMMOND,
Assistant Adjutant General.

GENERAL ORDER } HEADQUARTERS,
No. 13. } FIFTEENTH ARMY CORPS,
Near Vicksburg, March 13, 1863.

L. M. Dayton, Captain and Aide-de-Camp, is hereby announced as Acting Assistant Adjutant General of the 15th Army Corps until further orders.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman:

J. H. HAMMOND,
Assistant Adjutant General.

GENERAL ORDERS } HEADQUARTERS,
 No. 14. } FIFTEENTH ARMY CORPS,
Near Vicksburg, March 14, 1863.

I...The Commissary of Subsistence of this corps will keep his provision boat near the landing where the "Magnolia" lies, and make every preparation for supplying the troops of this corps.

Wagons must not drive beyond the levee, but all subsistence stores must be carried by hand or on pack mules to the wagons on or behind the levee.

II...General Steele, commanding the 1st Division, will designate one of the steamboats at his command as a Commissary boat, and the Commissary, Captain Schenck, will keep this boat supplied with about ten (10) days' provisions for that division, with an issue clerk on board to fill all requisitions properly approved.

The boat can lie at the point of the levee most convenient for General Steele's Division.

III...The Corps Commissary will, by timely requisitions, keep the maximum supply of dried fruit, vegetables, fresh and desiccated, allowed by law and regulations, and issue the same on proper requisitions.

IV...Colonels of regiments and Surgeons are required by law and existing orders to see that their commands are supplied with proper food, and more especially to give their personal attention to see that it is properly cooked. This will prevent more sickness than drugs can cure. Well cooked provisions, regular meals, and proper exercise, are all that is needed to secure health in this climate at this season of the year, which has never been regarded as unhealthy in winter and spring.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

L. M. DAYTON,
Acting Assistant Adjutant General.

GENERAL ORDERS } HEADQUARTERS,
 No. 15. } FIFTEENTH ARMY CORPS,
Camp before Vicksburg, March 29, 1863.

Lieutenant Colonel Robert McFreely, having reported for duty, is hereby announced as the Commissary of Subsistence for this corps.

SPECIAL ORDERS } HEADQUARTERS,
 No. 78. } FIFTEENTH ARMY CORPS
Young's Point, La., April 1, 1863.
 (*Extract.*)

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3. In accordance with instructions from Department Headquarters, Brigadier General D. Stuart, commanding 2d Division, will detail from his command one thousand (1,000) men to report, with shovels and spades, to Captain F. E. Prime, Chief of Engineers, at the lower landing to-morrow morning promptly at 7½ o'clock, to embark on steamers and receive instructions. This detail will be continued daily until further orders, and will be relieved each evening at 6 o'clock, and return to the point of embarkation.

4. Brigadier General J. M. Tuttle, having reported for duty in pursuance of Special Orders No. 90, Headquarters Department of the Tennessee, is hereby assigned to the immediate command of the 8th Division, Army of the Tennessee.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :
 L. M. DAYTON,
Acting Assistant Adjutant General.

GENERAL ORDERS } HEADQUARTERS,
 No. 18. } FIFTEENTH ARMY CORPS,
Young's Point, La., April 3, 1863.

The 8th Division, Army of the Tennessee, formerly commanded by Brigadier General J. E. Smith, and now commanded by Brigadier General J. M. Tuttle, having been assigned as a part of the 15th Army Corps, will, in connection with this corps, be hereafter known and styled as the 3d Division, 15th Army Corps.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :
 L. M. DAYTON,
Acting Assistant Adjutant General.

GENERAL ORDERS } HEADQUARTERS,
 No. 19. } FIFTEENTH ARMY CORPS,
Young's Point, La., April 4, 1863.

I...Brigadier General D. Stuart having been relieved from duty with his division by Special Orders No. 92, Headquarters Department of the Tennessee, April 2, 1863, Major General F. P. Blair is

appointed to command the same, and will transfer his present brigade to the senior officer present for duty with it, and assume command of the 2d Division, 15th Army Corps, Headquarters near the centre of the present Division camp.

II...In relieving General Stuart of the command of the 2d Division, with which he has been so long identified, the Commanding General takes the opportunity to thank him for his energetic, patriotic, and successful services. Ever present, ever active, and by a high-toned spirit of honor and dignity, imparting to his troops a similar tone, he has now the deep respect and affection of his men and elicited the praise of all his commanders.

Whilst all must yield to the decree which parts us for a time, all may properly hope that the services of General Stuart are by no means lost to a cause which is common to a whole continent, and the success of which more interests coming generations than the people of the present day.

His old comrades in arms wish him honor and success in life, and will hail his return to the colors, which for a time he must leave to the care of others.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

L. M. DAYTON,
Acting Assistant Adjutant General.

GENERAL ORDERS	}	HEADQUARTERS,
No. 21.		FIFTEENTH ARMY CORPS, <i>Young's Point, La., April 6, 1863.</i>

The following organization and composition of the 15th Army Corps is hereby announced for the more general information of the command:—

Major General W. T. Sherman commanding.

Captain L. M. Dayton, Captain J. C. McCoy, Lieutenant J. C. Hill, Aides-de-Camp.

Lieutenant Colonel J. H. Hammond, Assistant Adjutant General and Chief of Staff.

Lieutenant Colonel W. D. Sanger, Inspector General.

Lieutenant Colonel Robert McFeely, Chief Commissary of Subsistence.

Captain J. Condit Smith, Chief Quartermaster.

Surgeon Charles McMillan, Medical Director.
 Major Ezra Taylor, Chief of Artillery.
 Lieutenant J. C. Neely, Ordnance Officer.
 Captain C. Van Rensselaer, Commissary of Musters.
 Captain William L. B. Jenney, Additional Aide-de-Camp and
 Chief Engineer.
 Lieutenant Julius Pitzman, Topographical Engineer.

FIRST DIVISION.

Major General Frederick Steele commanding.
 Lieutenant W. D. Green, Lieutenant Charles F. Scammon, Aides-
 de-Camp.
 Captain J. W. Paddock, Assistant Adjutant General and Chief of
 Staff.
 Captain E. T. S. Schenck, Commissary of Subsistence.
 Lieutenant Francis Fuller, Acting Assistant Quartermaster.
 Surgeon Samuel C. Plummer, Division Surgeon.
 Lieutenant George C. Sokalski, Assistant Commissary of Musters.

First Brigade, First Division.

Colonel H. F. Manter commanding.
 27th Missouri Volunteers, Colonel Thomas Curly commanding.
 13th Illinois Volunteers, Colonel A. B. Gorgas commanding.
 29th Missouri Volunteers, Colonel James Peckham commanding.
 30th Missouri Volunteers, Lieutenant Colonel Otto Schadt com-
 manding.
 31st Missouri Volunteers, Lieutenant Colonel Samuel P. Simpson
 commanding.
 32d Missouri Volunteers, Major A. P. Seay commanding.

Second Brigade, First Division.

Colonel Charles R. Woods commanding.
 Lieutenant F. H. Wilson, Aide-de-Camp.
 17th Missouri Volunteers, Colonel F. Hassendeubel commanding.
 3d Missouri Volunteers, Colonel Isaac F. Shepard commanding.
 12th Missouri Volunteers, Colonel H. Wangelin commanding.
 76th Ohio Volunteers, Lieutenant Colonel William B. Woods
 commanding.
 25th Iowa Volunteers, Colonel George A. Stone commanding.
 31st Iowa Volunteers, Colonel William Smyth commanding.

Third Brigade, First Division.

Brigadier General John M. Thayer commanding.

Lieutenant W. S. Whitten, Lieutenant A. T. Higbee, Aides-de-Camp.

26th Regiment Iowa Volunteers, Colonel Milo Smith commanding.

9th Regiment Iowa Volunteers, Major Don A. Carpenter commanding.

4th Regiment Iowa Volunteers, Colonel James A. Williamson commanding.

30th Regiment Iowa Volunteers, Colonel Charles H. Abbott commanding.

Attached to 1st Division are—

1st Iowa Battery, Captain H. N. Griffith commanding.

1st Missouri Horse Artillery, Captain C. Landgraber commanding.

4th Ohio Battery, Captain L. Hoffman commanding.

Company "D," 3d Illinois Cavalry, Captain S. M. Davis commanding.

Kane County, Illinois Cavalry, Lieutenant T. J. Beebe commanding.

SECOND DIVISION.

Major General F. P. Blair commanding.

Lieutenant George A. Maguire, Lieutenant Logan Tompkins, Aides-de-Camp.

Captain Charles McDonald, Assistant Adjutant General and Chief of Staff.

Lieutenant E. M. Joell, Acting Assistant Quartermaster.

Captain Arden R. Smith, Commissary Subsistence.

Surgeon E. C. Franklin, Division Surgeon.

First Brigade, Second Division.

Colonel Giles A. Smith commanding.

Captain Nelson Patterson, Aide-de-Camp.

Captain Edwin E. Furber, Acting Assistant Adjutant General.

Captain Isaac B. Halsey, Acting Assistant Quartermaster.

6th Regiment Missouri Volunteers, Colonel J. H. Blood.

8th Regiment Missouri Volunteers, Lieutenant Colonel D. C. Coleman.

13th U. S. Infantry, Major Daniel Chase.

113th Regiment Illinois Volunteers, Colonel John B. Hoge.
 116th Regiment Illinois Volunteers, Colonel N. W. Tupper.

Second Brigade, Second Division.

Colonel Thomas Kelby Smith commanding.
 Captain Moodie White, Acting Assistant Adjutant General.
 Lieutenant H. B. Whetsel, Acting Assistant Quartermaster.
 55th Regiment Illinois Volunteers, Colonel O. Malmborg commanding.
 54th Regiment Ohio Volunteers, Major C. W. Fisher commanding.
 57th Regiment Ohio Volunteers, Colonel W. Mungen commanding.
 83d Regiment Indiana Volunteers, Colonel B. J. Spooner commanding.
 127th Regiment Illinois Volunteers, Lieutenant Colonel H. N. Eldridge commanding.

Third Brigade, Second Division.

Brigadier General Hugh Ewing commanding.
 Lieutenant A. C. Fisk, Aide-de-Camp.
 Captain Gordon Lafland, Acting Assistant Adjutant General.
 Captain J. W. Cornyn, Acting Assistant Quartermaster.
 Surgeon J. B. Potter, Brigade Surgeon.
 4th Regiment Virginia Volunteers, Colonel J. A. J. Lightburn commanding.
 37th Regiment Ohio Volunteers, Colonel Edwin Seiber commanding.
 30th Regiment Ohio Volunteers, Lieutenant Colonel Theodore Jones commanding.
 47th Regiment Ohio Volunteers, Colonel Augustus Parry commanding.
 Attached to the 2d Division are—
 Company "A," 1st Illinois Light Artillery, Captain P. P. Wood commanding.
 Company "B," 1st Illinois Light Artillery, Captain S. E. Barrett commanding.
 Company "H," 1st Illinois Light Artillery, Lieutenant William Hart commanding.
 Section 8th Ohio Battery, Lieutenant J. Putnam commanding.

Companies "A" and "B," Thieleman's Cavalry, Captain Thieleman commanding.

Company "G," 10th Missouri Cavalry, Captain D. W. Ballou commanding.

THIRD DIVISION.

Brigadier General J. M. Tuttle commanding.

Lieutenant L. S. Meek, Lieutenant G. W. Blake, Aides-de-Camp.

Captain James B. Sample, Assistant Adjutant General and Chief of Staff.

Lieutenant H. Skinner, Acting Assistant Quartermaster.

Captain F. Jacobson, Commissary Subsistence.

Captain A. C. Waterhouse, Chief of Artillery.

Surgeon George D. Lucas, Division Surgeon.

First Brigade, Third Division.

Brigadier General R. P. Buckland commanding.

Lieutenant F. Lewings, Aide-de-Camp.

Lieutenant E. A. Rawson, Acting Assistant Adjutant General.

Captain H. W. Buckland, Acting Assistant Quartermaster.

Surgeon J. B. Rice, Brigade Surgeon.

72d Regiment Ohio Volunteers, Colonel Le Roy Crocket commanding.

95th Regiment Ohio Volunteers, Colonel W. L. McMillen commanding.

114th Regiment Illinois Volunteers, Colonel J. W. Judy commanding.

93d Regiment Indiana Volunteers, Colonel DeWitt C. Thomas commanding.

Second Brigade, Third Division.

Colonel J. A. Mower commanding.

Lieutenant J. Blew, Aide-de-Camp.

Lieutenant E. T. Sprague, Acting Assistant Adjutant General.

Lieutenant M. T. Sappington, Acting Assistant Quartermaster.

11th Regiment Missouri Volunteers, Major Eli Bowyer commanding.

8th Regiment Wisconsin Volunteers, Colonel G. W. Robbins commanding.

47th Regiment Illinois Volunteers, Colonel J. M. Cromwell commanding.

5th Regiment Minnesota Volunteers, Colonel L. F. Hubbard commanding.

Attached to 3d Division are—

2d Iowa Battery, Lieutenant J. R. Reed commanding.

Company "E," 1st Illinois Light Artillery, Lieutenant J. A. Fitch commanding.

A third brigade will be formed under the command of Brigadier General J. E. Smith and attached to this division.

When its composition is known it will be duly announced in orders.

II...Division and Brigade Commanders will, with all practical dispatch, fill up their staffs to the proper standard, reporting all appointments to these Headquarters. All changes of full and acting Staff officers, made by Division and Brigade Commanders, will be immediately reported to Corps and Division Headquarters, that such changes may at proper intervals be announced for the general benefit of the command.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

L. M. DAYTON,

Acting Assistant Adjutant General.

GENERAL ORDERS } HEADQUARTERS,
 No. 22. } FIFTEENTH ARMY CORPS,
 Young's Point, La., April 7, 1863.

Captain R. M. Sawyer, Assistant Adjutant General, U. S. Volunteers, having reported for duty in pursuance of Special Orders No. 95, from Headquarters Department of the Tennessee, is hereby placed on duty at these Headquarters.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

L. M. DAYTON,

Acting Assistant Adjutant General.

GENERAL ORDERS } HEADQUARTERS,
 No. 23. } FIFTEENTH ARMY CORPS,
 Camp near Vicksburg, April 7, 1863.

I...The attention of commanders of regiments and brigades is called to the provisions of the act of Congress, approved March 19, 1862, as embraced in General Orders No. 27, of March 21, 1862, regarding sutlers. If a copy of this order is not on their files they will send a clerk to Headquarters and make a copy.

II...Each regiment should have a sutler, and only one, and he must conduct his business strictly according to law. Until a schedule of articles is prescribed by the Board of Officers, provided for in said law, the list or schedule embraced in the act itself will be observed.

III...A schedule of prices should be fixed in the manner prescribed in the second section of said act, which schedule should at all times be hung up in the booth, tent or store of the sutler.

IV...When permits to bring stores to this camp by citizens, not sutlers, are signed by the Commander of the Corps, a condition is attached that such articles must not be retailed, but are brought only to allow sutlers to replenish their stock, so that sutlers to regiments in this corps are protected to that extent, and can and must sell at moderate prices. The Inspector General of the Corps will call for the list of prices from time to time, to compare them and see that fair dealing is alone permitted.

V...Attention is called to the sixth section of said act :

“ No person can be sutler to but one regiment, cannot underlet or sell the privilege, nor sell to an enlisted man on credit to the amount of more than the fourth of any one month's pay, or have a lien on his pay for more than one-sixth part thereof.”

VI...If regimental sutlers be duly encouraged and protected they can amply supply the necessary wants of the officers and soldiers at a fair and moderate price, and the peddling and irregular traffic of steamboats can be stopped.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

R. M. SAWYER,

Assistant Adjutant General.

GENERAL ORDERS }
No. 24. }

HEADQUARTERS,
FIFTEENTH ARMY CORPS,
Camp near Vicksburg, April 8, 1863.

I...Lieutenant John C. Neely, Ordnance Officer of the Corps, will be provided with a steamboat, subject to his control and orders from these Headquarters. He will keep on hand at the rate of 500 rounds of ammunition for the field batteries, and 300 rounds of cartridges for the Infantry, in excess of what is in the hands of the

troops. He will also make arrangements to receive all spare arms, serviceable and unserviceable, in the possession of the commanders of regiments, assort and box them, retain them on hand or send them to Memphis, according to the capacity of his boat or the probable necessities of the service.

II...Commanders of regiments and companies will habitually keep on hand and in the cartridge boxes one hundred rounds per man ; field batteries their boxes filled, and as much more as they have wagon transportation for. All else will be turned in to the Ordnance officer for safe and convenient storage and to be held in reserve. The immediate commanding officer of the troops will see that their arms are in first rate order, will select an armorer, as provided in General Orders No. 189, 1862, and procure for him as soon as possible the armorer's tools named in said order.

All arms, accoutrements, implements, harness and other property of the Ordnance Department in excess of the wants of the troops, will be carefully cleaned and delivered to Lieutenant Neely, who will receipt for the same.

III...Inspector Generals and Commanders of Divisions and brigades will see that these orders are carefully observed.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

R. M. SAWYER,
Assistant Adjutant General.

GENERAL ORDERS } No. 25. }	HEADQUARTERS, FIFTEENTH ARMY CORPS, <i>Camp before Vicksburg, April 9, 1863.</i>
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I...In consequence of the change in the location of camps, the following modifications are made in the grand guards and pickets of the corps:—

The 1st Division will guard from the break in the levee above General Blair's Headquarters to Young's Point, with a picket of one regiment at or near Biggs' plantation up to the foot of the canal, with communication back to these Headquarters in boats across the swamp.

II...The 2d Division will guard from General Blair's Headquarters down the levee to the canal, with a picket of one regiment at the canal, with vedettes beyond the canal around to its outlet.

III...The 3d Division will guard its own camp and the new canal now in process of construction, back to the Hecla plain when the canal is finished out to it.

IV...Guards and sentinels will, in addition to the standing rules heretofore prescribed, prevent the wrong habit of peddling on the part of soldiers, hucksters and steamboat hands. Trading must be limited to sutlers in their proper tents or booths, and prices regulated by the proper inspectors and councils of administration, according to law. The levees must be kept clean for the use of the troops camped behind, and be used only for teams necessarily going and coming from supply boats.

V...Burials in the levee must be discontinued. Brigade Commanders will select some spot, suitable for burials, near their camps and to the rear, if possible, and will give minute orders relating to the burial of men belonging to their command, and guards will not permit coffins to be landed from steamboats on the levee, unless some responsible officer be there to receive them and provide for their proper interment.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

R. M. SAWYER,
Assistant Adjutant General.

SPECIAL ORDERS } No. 87. }	HEADQUARTERS. FIFTEENTH ARMY CORPS, <i>Camp near Vicksburg, April 15, 1863.</i>
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(*Extract.*)

1. The 30th Regiment Iowa Infantry, Colonel C. H. Abbott commanding, is relieved from duty at Biggs' plantation, and will return to the Division Camp. Colonel Abbott will, however, keep one company of his regiment at the foot of the canal as a party of observation, to be permanently stationed at that point, or relieved from time to time by companies from the same regiment as Colonel Abbott may choose.

2. Paragraph 2 of General Orders No. 25, from these Headquarters, of date April 9, 1863, is so far modified as to call for a picket of one-half, instead of a whole regiment at the canal, with vedettes beyond the canal around to the battery.

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By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

R. M. SAWYER,
Assistant Adjutant General.

SPECIAL ORDERS } HEADQUARTERS,
No. 90. } FIFTEENTH ARMY CORPS,
Camp near Vicksburg, April 20, 1863.

(*Extract.*)

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2. General Thomas, from the Headquarters of the Army, Washington City, D. C., proposes to address the troops at this camp at 10 A. M. to-morrow, Tuesday, on the "policy of the war." The brigades of the 2d Division and regiments of the 1st Division, not detached, and companies of Artillery and Cavalry, will be formed on their respective parade grounds without arms or accoutrements, but dressed in their best uniforms, and marched to a point facing the levee near General Blair's Headquarters, at a point to be selected by him, and the troops on arrival will be arranged by General Blair, according to the nature of the ground.

A single gun from Hart's battery will be the signal for attention, and officers and men will listen to the remarks of General Thomas and heed them as the voice of our Government.

A second gun from the same battery will be the signal for marching the troops back to their respective brigades.

Officers and men will preserve their places in ranks during the speaking, and conduct themselves as they know good soldiers should.

General Blair will make all arrangements necessary to carry this order into effect.

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By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

R. M. SAWYER,
Assistant Adjutant General.

SPECIAL ORDERS } HEADQUARTERS,
 No. 92. } FIFTEENTH ARMY CORPS,
Camp near Vicksburg, April 22, 1863.
 (*Extract.*)

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 3. The 1st Division, Major General Steele commanding, now detached at Greenville, Mississippi, will at once return to its camp at Young's Point and prepare for a new move.

The Corps Quartermaster, Lieutenant Colonel Smith, will dispatch to Greenville such boats as he can spare, with this order; and if General Steele, commanding the division, has not sufficient boats to move the whole command at once, he can leave a brigade, or less detachment if prudent, and send boats back for them after reaching Young's Point.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman:

R. M. SAWYER,
Assistant Adjutant General.

GENERAL ORDERS } HEADQUARTERS,
 No. 26. } FIFTEENTH ARMY CORPS,
Camp near Vicksburg, April 25, 1863.

I...Pursuant to Special Orders No. 110, from the Headquarters Department of the Tennessee, the 15th Army Corps will march to Carthage, *via* Milliken's Bend and Richmond, by the left flank, viz: in the order of 3d, 2d, and 1st Divisions.

1. The 3d Division, General Tuttle commanding, will march on Monday to Milliken's Bend, thence to Richmond, and keep closed upon the rear of General McPherson's Corps.

2. The 2d Division, General Blair commanding, will, on Monday, be transported in boats to the landing just above the Van Buren hospital, whence it will march to Richmond, and keep closed up the 3d Division.

3. The 1st Division, General Steele commanding, will, on arrival from Greenville, land at the old camp, gather up their camp equipage, and proceed by boats to a point near General Grant's Headquarters, at Milliken's Bend, and thence march to Richmond, and keep closed up on 2d Division.

II...The march will be conducted by brigades, and the wagon train disposed by each Brigadier, so as to obstruct the roads as little as

possible; but each Brigadier will keep with his wagon train a sufficient guard to assist them in case of accident.

III...The convalescents' camp of the 3d Division will be established near the site of their present camp; that for the 2d and 1st Divisions at a point convenient between Van Buren hospital and General Grant's old Headquarters.

IV...Each Division Commander will deposit his spare tents and property in connection with his convalescents' camp, and may leave a disabled officer, specially charged, to take care of and account for the same, with such detail as he may think necessary. The officers, however, in command of these several convalescents' camps, must report for orders to General Sullivan, in command of the troops left behind.

V...General Tuttle will begin the movement on Monday, the 27th instant, and not leave the river at Milliken's Bend till he has reason to believe the rear brigade of General McPherson is at least ten miles out; and all Division Commanders will so manage that when they leave the river their trains shall have ten days' rations and about one hundred (100) rounds of cartridges in addition to those in the boxes of the men.

Each soldier should carry 60 cartridges, two days' cooked rations. a tin cup, and a good overcoat or blanket.

The wagons must carry chiefly provisions, and the very smallest allowance of officers' baggage and cooking utensils.

The march should be slow, but very regular.

The utmost attention must be given to keeping the men in the ranks during the march. At a rest, the arms should be stacked, and then the men can lie down. At night the brigade should be moved to one or other side of the road; guards posted and men bivouacked, in order easily to take the road in the morning.

VI...Division Commanders will use their Cavalry to communicate with the troops to their front and rear, and will preserve intervals, so that the troops of different divisions will not commingle.

VII...Each Division Commander will be provided with a correct map by Captain Pitzman, from which Brigade Commanders should make sketches,

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

R. M. SAWYER,

Assistant Adjutant General.

GENERAL ORDERS } HEADQUARTERS,
 No. 27. } FIFTEENTH ARMY CORPS,
Camp before Vicksburg, April 26, 1863.

In consequence of orders, this moment received from General Grant, the execution of General Orders No. 26 is hereby suspended.

General Steele's Division will encamp at Milliken's Bend.

General Blair's Division will remain as now.

General Tuttle's Division will remain at the canal.

Instructions to each will be given by letter.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

R. M. SAWYER,
Assistant Adjutant General.

SPECIAL ORDERS } HEADQUARTERS,
 No. 96. } FIFTEENTH ARMY CORPS,
Camp near Vicksburg, April 28, 1863.

1. In compliance with instructions from Major General Grant, a combined gunboat and army expedition will be made up the Yazoo for the purpose of diverting the attention of the enemy from the movements now in progress below Vicksburg.

This demonstration will be made as soon as the gunboat "Choctaw," hourly expected, has arrived.

2. The Corps Quartermaster, Lieutenant Colonel J. Condit Smith, will provide ten (10) good steamboats, and have them at the lower landing near these Headquarters by to-morrow morning.

3. General F. P. Blair will detail ten (10) good regiments of his division to be ready with three days' rations, 60 rounds of ammunition, and in light marching order, ready to embark promptly on a signal of two guns from Hart's battery, which will be fired as soon as notice is received that the gunboats are ready.

4. Wood's and Barrett's batteries will be embarked at Milliken's Bend, and will afterwards be distributed—one section of guns to a boat—and the artillerists will make a barricade for themselves and their guns on the forward decks of hay bales.

5. Although there be no intention to make an attack on Haines' Bluff, or, indeed, to disembark the troops, yet all preparations

should be made to take advantage of any opportunity afforded by events. Officers and Surgeons will make the same preparations as though a battle were contemplated.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

R. M. SAWYER,

Assistant Adjutant General.

GENERAL ORDERS	}	HEADQUARTERS,
No. 29.		FIFTEENTH ARMY CORPS, <i>Camp before Vicksburg, May 2, 1863.</i>

I...The 3d Division, Brigadier General Tuttle commanding, will move, *via* Richmond and Smith's plantation, to Perkins' plantation, on the Mississippi, below Carthage.

II...The 1st Division, Major General Steele commanding, will move, *via* Richmond and Smith's plantation, to Perkins'.

These two divisions will dispose of their camps, property, convalescents and sick in the manner described in General Orders No. 26.

III...The 2d Division, Major General Blair commanding, will move from its present camp to Milliken's Bend, selecting good camps in compact shape, and will guard this end of the line as far as Richmond. Special written instructions will be given to General Blair from time to time by General Grant, or the General commanding this corps.

IV...The Commanding General, 15th Army Corps, will move to-day to Milliken's Bend; this evening, or early to-morrow morning, to Richmond, and thence to Perkins' place, to which point all communications for him will be addressed.

V...The Chief Quartermaster and Commissary of this corps will dispose their supply boats at some convenient point of Milliken's Bend, and will use extraordinary efforts to push forward supplies, both for our own corps and General Grant's army; but the officers and men of the whole army should be impressed with the real difficulty of supplying so large an army of men and horses by such a road, and that the men must carry on their persons as heavy loads as they can bear. The march should be slow, with regular rests, and so arranged that troops will not be kept standing and waiting unnecessarily.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

R. M. SAWYER,

Assistant Adjutant General.

GENERAL ORDERS }
 No. 30. }

HEADQUARTERS,
 FIFTEENTH ARMY CORPS,
Milliken's Bend, La., May 2, 1863.

I...General F. P. Blair will take charge of all the country bordering the Mississippi and back as far as Richmond, and will give all needful orders at Milliken's Bend.

At least two regiments of Infantry and one of Cavalry will be kept at Richmond, and one regiment should protect the road. The other regiment of Cavalry will, as soon as it returns from the scout, be ordered to patrol the road from Richmond to Smith's plantation, near Carthage.

II...The convalescents and men left behind by the absent regiments must be reduced to order and system. The officer senior in rank with each regiment, brigade, or division, must be made to report, and keep his men in camp, subject to orders and their appropriate share of labor. The Surgeons of course control all men in general hospital, but the commanding officer present must command the men and be held responsible that they earn their pay and do military duty to the extent of their strength.

Because men are unable to march, or because they are under medical treatment, there is no reason why they should not remain in camp and be prepared to handle their muskets when the lives and safety of all require it.

III...When provision trains or other stores are sent from Milliken's Bend to the army below, General Blair will detail a sufficient escort to accompany each, composed, as far as possible, of the men left behind belonging to regiments in the advance, with orders to report to their respective commands for duty.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

R. M. SAWYER,
Assistant Adjutant General.

SPECIAL ORDERS } HEADQUARTERS,
 No. 98. } FIFTEENTH ARMY CORPS,
Perkins' Plantation, La., May 5, 1863.

In accordance with instructions from Department Headquarters, the 2d Division, Major General Blair commanding, will immediately take up the line of march for Grand Gulf, leaving two regiments at Richmond and two at Milliken's Bend.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

R. M. SAWYER,
Assistant Adjutant General.

SPECIAL ORDERS } HEADQUARTERS,
 No. 99. } FIFTEENTH ARMY CORPS,
Hard Times, La., May 6, 1863.

1. The head of column of the 1st and 3d Divisions will be halted on the road at the Red House, before reaching this place. The advance brigade will not be moved forward from that point until its Commander or Quartermaster shall make the necessary arrangements for crossing the river to Grand Gulf by boats. Each brigade will, in like manner, be halted at the Red House, on its arrival at that point, until its Commander or Quartermaster shall have gone forward and prepared for the crossing of his brigade. The animals belonging to each brigade will, while halting at or near that point, be allowed to feed or graze on the corn patches and fields in that vicinity.

2. The 4th Iowa Cavalry, Lieutenant Colonel Swan commanding, will at once push forward and cross the Mississippi River to Grand Gulf, after General Tuttle's Division crosses. On arriving at Grand Gulf, the regiment will proceed with all possible dispatch and report to Major General Sherman, or Major General Grant, whoever may be most practicable.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

R. M. SAWYER,
Assistant Adjutant General.

SPECIAL ORDERS }
 No. 100. }

HEADQUARTERS,
 FIFTEENTH ARMY CORPS,
Hard Times, La., May 7, 1863.

1. The 25th Iowa, Colonel Stone, will take post at Hard Times Landing, and control the movements of troops and trains across to Grand Gulf, pushing matters as fast as possible.

Colonel Stone, to this extent, will judge of the order in which teams shall be passed over, allowing only wagons loaded with provisions and ammunition, at the rate of two per regiment, to take precedence of all others.

2. General Tuttle's Division will be passed over, and then the wagons of the troops in advance; but all trains loaded with provisions in the nature of supply trains, arriving after to-morrow, will be unloaded, the stores boated across to Grand Gulf, and the wagons sent back to Milliken's Bend, to be used on the new road.

3. As soon as General McArthur's Division, or that of General Blair, arrives, Colonel Stone will consider himself relieved, will turn over to the Commander of said division a copy of this order, and himself proceed to Grand Gulf. If he then learns that his division, (Steele's,) is not more than twenty miles out, he will follow and join his proper brigade and division. But if the army be too far to the front, Colonel Stone will await the arrival at Grand Gulf of General Blair's Division and accompany it on its march to the front.

4. The commanding officers at Perkin's and Smith's plantations will stop all wagons, no matter what army corps they belong to, coming to their stations from Milliken's Bend, if unprovided with military escort, and unload them at the nearest point on the Mississippi bank, and immediately order them to return to Milliken's Bend to report to the Chief Quartermaster, to be employed in hauling rations on the new road.

This order is issued in accordance with directions from General Grant. This order will apply to wagons arriving at Hard Times.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

R. M. SAWYER,
Assistant Adjutant General

SPECIAL ORDERS } HEADQUARTERS,
 No. 101. } FIFTEENTH ARMY CORPS,
Grand Gulf, Miss., May 7, 1863.

1. The 1st Division, Major General Steele commanding, and the 3d Division, Brigadier General Tuttle commanding, will be prepared to move early to-morrow morning. Sufficient ammunition to make up 100 rounds per man, and three days' rations will be carried—the three day's rations will be made to last five days. If necessary for its transportation, ambulances will be used to haul the ammunition not carried by the men.

2. A competent officer will be left by each Division Commander to receive the extra wagons as fast as they arrive from the other side of the river, and load them with provisions, to be forwarded to the troops.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman:

R. M. SAWYER,
Assistant Adjutant General.

GENERAL ORDERS } HEADQUARTERS,
 No. 31. } FIFTEENTH ARMY CORPS,
Hankinson's Ferry, Miss., May 9, 1863.

The General commanding has reason to notice a few things to which he invites general attention on the part not only of all commanders but of the men themselves.

1. All know the difficulty of hauling and ferrying provisions to Grand Gulf, and that this army must, in a measure, subsist on the enemy; but every effort has been made and will be made to bring bread, salt, coffee, and sugar to the depot at Grand Gulf.

Brigade Commissaries will forage the country and try to keep on hand beef, mutton, calves, and hogs; kill and issue them in fair ratio.

Corn can also be gathered, and each wagon should always have one day's feed; and at all halts for noon, and when roads are to be repaired, horses should be allowed to browse on grass or cornfields. But the men themselves must be made to understand the absolute necessity of economizing provisions. They should think of the day after to-morrow rather than of the day.

2. Every useless person should at once be sent to the rear. If any Surgeon or Brigade Quartermaster finds a negro man or woman riding a horse, not the private property of some officer entitled to a spare horse by law, he may seize the horse and appropriate it to the use of some sick or tired soldier.

3. Any teamster who hauls in his wagon a negro woman or lazy idler at a time when men are on short rations should be punished severely. If a soldier, he should be sent to his company, and if a negro or hired citizen, be dismissed and sent back at the order of the Brigadier.

4. All negro women or idlers, white or black, must be sent back to Grand Gulf to-day.

5. No men are allowed to wander from their color lines unless detailed as a regular foraging party, armed and provided for the occasion. Brigade Commanders may send out foraging parties. Division Commanders may send back wagon and pack trains to Grand Gulf for provisions and ammunition.

6. Every officer and man must at all hours be ready to spring to their arms, and form their ranks to meet an enemy, to which end brigade commanders should acquaint themselves familiarly with the topography of the neighborhood, its roads and fields, streams, woods, &c.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

R. M. SAWYER,
Assistant Adjutant General.

GENERAL ORDERS } No. 32.	HEADQUARTERS, FIFTEENTH ARMY CORPS, <i>Hankinson's Ferry, Miss., May 9, 1863.</i>
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I...To-morrow at 12 o'clock (noon) the pickets will be called in from the north side of Black River, and the bridge completely destroyed.

At 2 o'clock P. M. the 1st Division will move forward *via* Rocky Springs to the crossing of Big Sandy, a distance of nine miles. The following day the march will be continued on the main Jackson road to the neighborhood of Auburn.

II...The 3d Division, General Tuttle, now encamped at Willow Springs, will march to-day (the 9th) to Rocky Springs and encamp and remain till early on the morning of the 11th, when it will march and keep closed up on General Steele, following the same road, viz : the main Jackson road, *via* Cayuga P. O. and Auburn.

III...The 2d Division, General Blair, will, on crossing to Grand Gulf, collect all wagons belonging to the corps, no matter what particular division they may belong to, and see them all loaded up with salt, bread, sugar, and coffee, and having formed a train, will escort it forward by as rapid marches as is possible, without impairing the physical strength of his men, to the other divisions of the corps, taking the main Jackson road *via* Willow Springs, Rocky Springs, Cayuga P. O., and Auburn. At Auburn orders will be left for him.

IV...Division Commanders will give the utmost attention to this march, so conducting it that all parts of the command, Infantry, Artillery and wagon trains, will be at all times ready for battle.

Straggling must be absolutely prevented, by force, if necessary, on the part of carefully appointed rear guards, and, when possible, small details of Cavalry.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

R. M. SAWYER,
Assistant Adjutant General.

GENERAL ORDERS } HEADQUARTERS,
No. 33. } FIFTEENTH ARMY CORPS,
Hankinson's Ferry, Miss., May 10, 1863.

Captain James C. McCoy, Aide-de-Camp, is hereby announced as Acting Assistant Inspector General for this Army Corps, until further orders, and will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

R. M. SAWYER,
Assistant Adjutant General.

GENERAL ORDERS } HEADQUARTERS,
 No. 34. } FIFTEENTH ARMY CORPS,
Camp near 14-mile Creek, Miss., May 12, 1863.

The constant firing of guns and pistols in the vicinity of our camps makes it impossible to distinguish the firing of an enemy or of our own pickets from that of men shooting hogs and chickens. The safety of an army cannot be imperiled by such utter want of sense on the part of soldiers, and neglect of duty on the part of the commanders of regiments and detached companies.

II...Division Commanders will instruct their guards and send out patrols to arrest all men out of camp with arms, whether muskets, carbines or pistols. Such arms will be taken away and the soldiers be punished by fine or otherwise by the sentence of a field officer. Any commander of a regiment who allows his men to carry their arms away from the color lines without being sent away on guard or other duty, will be arrested and tried for neglect of duty and disobedience of these orders.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

R. M. SAWYER,
Assistant Adjutant General.

SPECIAL ORDERS } HEADQUARTERS,
 No. 103. } FIFTEENTH ARMY CORPS,
Camp near 14-mile Creek, Miss., May 12, 1863.

1. Lieutenant Colonel Swan, commanding 4th Iowa Cavalry, will detach one battalion of his command, and order it to proceed at once to Hall's Ferry to guard the crossing until the trains coming from Grand Gulf shall have passed, when it will join General Blair's Division and proceed to the front.

2. The 1st Iowa Battery, Captain H. S. Griffith commanding, having been substituted for Company "A," 2d Illinois Light Artillery, is hereby assigned to the 1st Division, and Captain Griffith will forthwith report to Major General Frederick Steele, commanding.

3. The 1st and 3d Divisions of this corps will march to-morrow morning; the 3d Division, Brigadier General Tuttle commanding, leading. General Tuttle will start his division at 4 o'clock A. M. on the Raymond road, and General Steele will follow, well closed up.

The 4th Iowa Cavalry, Lieutenant Colonel Swan commanding, will be prepared to march at that time, and will go in advance of General Tuttle, on the arrival of his division at the Cavalry camp.

4. The regiment of Infantry belonging to General Tuttle's Division, detached at Baldwin's Ferry, will proceed to join the division at this place to-night.

The bearer will guide them.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

R. M. SAWYER,
Assistant Adjutant General.

SPECIAL ORDERS } HEADQUARTERS,
No. 104. } FIFTEENTH ARMY CORPS,
Mississippi Springs, Miss., May 13, 1863.

1. The 1st and 3d Divisions of this corps will move to-morrow morning on the road to Jackson, Mississippi, punctually at 5 o'clock A. M., the 3d Division leading, with the Cavalry under Lieutenant Colonel Swan in the advance as to-day.

2. ORDER OF MARCH.

First.—Tuttle's Division.

Mower's Brigade and two batteries of Artillery.

Matthies' Brigade.

Buckland's Brigade.

Each brigade to be followed by two ambulances and one ammunition wagon per regiment.

All other wagons to follow the division under charge of some Quartermaster who will, on the occurrence of danger, move them out of the road so that they can promptly regain it.

Side fences and cross fences to be let down by skirmishers and regiments whenever a halt or delay takes place.

Second.—Steele's Division.

Manter's Brigade.

Thayer's Brigade.

Wood's Brigade.

Artillery—two batteries near the front, and one towards the rear—two ambulances and one ammunition wagon to be near each regiment; all other wagons and vehicles to be massed in rear with a guard.

March must be steady forward—skirmishers forward and to the right. The enemy will not probably stand till near Jackson.

3. The Cavalry will feel well to the front and right. General McPherson's Corps is on our left and abreast of us. McClelland's follows on both roads.

4. The men and officers must keep their posts. Thirst and fatigue are to be expected, but the safety and success of all will make all good soldiers bear cheerfully the deprivation of rest and water. We must strike before the enemy can concentrate after we have cut his line in two. Men found in ambulances, on mules or horses, without a written ticket of a Surgeon, must be dismounted and sent to their ranks.

Rear Guards must do their whole duty. Straggling now is as much a crime as rebellion, and will justify extreme and summary punishment, and officers and rear guards will be justified in inflicting immediate punishment on men avoiding their full share of duty.

Our corps must be first in the breach, but must be compact and strong.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

R. M. SAWYER,

Assistant Adjutant General.

SPECIAL ORDERS }
No. 105. }

HEADQUARTERS.

FIFTEENTH ARMY CORPS,

Jackson, Miss., May 14, 1863.

1. The 2d Brigade, 3d Division, Brigadier General J. A. Mower commanding, will constitute the garrison of the post of Jackson, Mississippi. General Mower will report to the Commanding General for specific instructions.

General Mower will detail a Provost Marshal for the post, and all prisoners of war will be sent to him at the State House.

The 1st and 3d Divisions of this corps will proceed early to-morrow morning to destroy the railroads leading from this post. The 1st Division taking the roads running to the east and south, and the 3d Division those to the north and west. The destruction of the roads

will be extended out as far as possible, and must be complete. The rails and ties will be taken up, and placed in stacks, and the ties set on fire in order to warp the rails, and so render them unfit for use. Dispatch is of the utmost importance.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

R. M. SAWYER,

Assistant Adjutant General.

GENERAL ORDERS }
No. 35. }

HEADQUARTERS,

FIFTEENTH ARMY CORPS,

Jackson, Miss., May 15, 1863.

I...The work of destruction to railroads, Artillery and other public property, heretofore begun, will be prosecuted with the utmost energy till 11 A. M. to-morrow, all working parties coming towards the main depot, where all the iron and ties should be effectually destroyed.

II...At daylight to-morrow, all heavy wagons will be dispatched under escort made up of details from each regiment embracing the foot-sore and tired men back on the road we came, and will await the arrival of the column at Mississippi Springs.

III...At 12 o'clock (noon) to-morrow, General Steele's Division will march by the same road, reaching Mississippi Springs about 4 P. M.

He will be followed by General Tuttle's Division, General Mower's Brigade bringing up the rear, and marching from the State House at 1 P. M.

All the captured tents, harness and other materials now in use by the different regiments, and not needed for further use, will be fired at the time of abandoning the camps.

One battalion of Cavalry will precede the column and the others follow.

IV...Division, Brigade and Regimental Commanders and Quarter-masters will see that their wagons are ready to move at daylight, and will place some officer in charge of each brigade train and keep them distinct so that they may follow their respective brigades at Mississippi Springs.

The march hence to Bolton must be rapid, but in the best order.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

R. M. SAWYER,

Assistant Adjutant General.

SPECIAL ORDERS }
 No. 106. }

HEADQUARTERS,
 FIFTEENTH ARMY CORPS,
Jackson, Miss., May 15—7 p. m.

The route of march to-morrow will be by the Clinton road instead of by Mississippi Springs. All other details will be as described in General Orders No. 35 of this date.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

R. M. SAWYER,
Assistant Adjutant General.

GENERAL ORDERS }
 No. 36. }

HEADQUARTERS,
 FIFTEENTH ARMY CORPS,
Bolton, Miss., May 16, 1863.

The movement to-morrow will be as follows:—

I...All the effective Cavalry will constitute the advance, and will move as soon as day breaks by a road that will be explained to them by the General commanding. All the non-effectives will be put under an officer and ordered to accompany the wagon train to protect it.

II...General Steele's Division will lead and General Tuttle's follow. Each Division Commander will designate a good officer to take charge of the tired and foot-sore, to remain with the wagon train, composed of all the wagons of this corps, which will follow the troops, and as soon as firing is heard in the front the wagons will be parked and all wagon guards will prepare to defend it.

III...The troops will march light, followed only by ammunition wagons and ambulances, which will follow brigades.

IV...The occasion calls for the utmost energy of all the troops. One determined effort and the opportunity for which we have all labored so hard and patiently will not be lost. Our destination is now the Black River, thirteen miles distant, beyond which lies Vicksburg.

The Commanding General announces that the other corps with which we are acting have to-day signally repulsed the enemy, and our part is to make that repulse a complete defeat.

V...The Artillery of each division will be massed and kept near the front of each division.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

R. M. SAWYER,
Assistant Adjutant General.

GENERAL ORDERS }
 No. 37. }

HEADQUARTERS,
 FIFTEENTH ARMY CORPS,
Bridgeport, Miss., May 17, 1863.

This corps will move on the road to Vicksburg at early dawn to-morrow, the 2d Division in the advance, followed by the 1st and 3d Divisions in the order named.

The Artillery of the 3d Division will cross the river before dawn.

The 2d Brigade, 3d Division, Brigadier General Mower commanding, will remain on the east bank of the river until the transportation of the corps shall have been passed over under the direction of the Chief Quartermaster, and will then cross the bridge and await orders from the General commanding.

The brigade of General Ewing will cross in rear of General Tuttle's Division, and at the first halt for rest will push forward and take its place in the column.

All prisoners of war and soldiers left behind from sickness or other cause will be subject to the command of General Mower.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

R. M. SAWYER,
Assistant Adjutant General.

GENERAL ORDERS }
 No. 38. }

HEADQUARTERS,
 FIFTEENTH ARMY CORPS,
Walnut Hills, Miss., May 21, 1863.

In addition to the details set forth in Special Orders No. 136, from Headquarters Department of the Tennessee, the following is added :—

General Blair's and Tuttle's Divisions will assault along the main road by the flank, the head of column preceded by a selected or volunteer storming party of about 150 men.

The skirmishers along our whole front will, during the night, advance within 100 yards of the enemy's works, and will, with the spade or axe prepare pits or fallen trees, so as to give them cover, from which to kill Artillerists who attempt to load the guns; also to keep down the fire of the enemy's Infantry in the rifle-pits during the assault.

As soon as the head of column is seen to enter the works, these skirmishers will hastily scale the works and fire upon the enemy, and drive him as far as possible.

The Artillery will collect all the ammunition they can, close at hand, and will begin at daylight to fire on the enemy's sally-ports, the bastions and batteries, that have a fire on the ground over which the column must pass, firing with great care and precision, reserving in their caissons, if possible, about 100 rounds of canister and shrapnel for service after passing the parapet.

No wagons of any kind will attend the assaulting column ; but, as soon as the Infantry has passed inside, the Artillery will follow, and after the Artillery, the ambulances and ammunition wagons, one to a regiment. No other wagons will enter the enemy's lines until we are in full possession of Vicksburg and notice is given Division Commanders to call up their wagons.

Officers will assault on foot, but may have their horses brought to them inside by their servants as soon as the troops have passed in.

General Steele's Division will, in like manner, attack by any route he may select, the one to the front of Thayer being suggested.

Each column will attack by the watch and not depend on signals.

All must presume that others are doing their best and do their full share. As soon as the enemy gives way he must be pushed to the very heart of the city, where he must surrender.

There is another valley or bayou on the other side of the one now separating us from the enemy. If the enemy retreats across that bayou our troops must follow at their heels and not permit them to rally in an interior work.

The General now looks to his corps to give the world the signal example of steady courage and its result, success. We must have Vicksburg, and most truly have we earned it by former sacrifices and labor.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

R. M. SAWYER,

Assistant Adjutant General.

HEADQUARTERS,

FIFTEENTH ARMY CORPS,

[MEM. ORDERS.]

Walnut Hills, Miss., May 21, 1863.

The Chief Engineer, Quartermaster, and Commissary will perfect the arrangements about supplies.

The Cavalry will keep a picket on Black River, near Bridgeport, and constantly patrol the country to the north and east.

The troops will press the enemy at all points with sharpshooters, and all officers are charged to study the ground to the front and rear of their positions. A map will soon be prepared embracing our part of the general line.

Division Commanders may take advantage of any opening to make a lodgment inside the enemy's works.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

R. M. SAWYER,

Assistant Adjutant General.

GENERAL ORDERS } HEADQUARTERS,
 No. 39. } FIFTEENTH ARMY CORPS,
Walnut Hills, Miss., May 22, 1863.

I...General Blair will hold the present ground now occupied by Generals Ewing and Giles A. Smith, and will withdraw the other brigade to a position of easy support.

II...General Tuttle will dispose two of his brigades to support the batteries, and hold the other in reserve near the forks of the road.

III...Generals Ewing and Giles A. Smith will construct, in their front, a rifle pit or breast hight of logs, and lay out a covered road to their rear, to be constructed as soon as tools can be procured.

IV...The Artillery will hold its present position and lose no time or effort in renewing the supplies of ammunition.

V...Each regiment will, under cover of night, remove their dead and wounded; inter the former and remove the latter to the hospitals.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

R. M. SAWYER,

Assistant Adjutant General.

GENERAL ORDERS } HEADQUARTERS,
 No. 40. } FIFTEENTH ARMY CORPS,
Walnut Hills, Miss., May 23, 1863.

I...The works of the enemy being too strong to be carried by assault, must be reduced by a system of regular approaches.

These should be made according to the well established principles of the military art; and to secure a fair share of labor, and to keep the good soldier at his post, the following rules will apply to this corps:—

II...Each Division Commander will call in his Pioneer Corps, and proceed to make a good covered road from his base towards some salient of the work in his front, taking every advantage of the natural ravinous character of this country. Where these valleys do not fulfill the object, the regular "Sap" must be made. Captain Jenney will forthwith repair to these Headquarters and give his general supervision of this work, appointing an engineer to each branch of the work. On this species of work soldiers may properly be employed, and negro labor when organized.

III...It is the duty of the Quartermaster's Department to look to roads and communications to the rear, and it is made the duty of Division Quartermasters to look to the roads leading to our depot, viz: Lake's landing at mouth of Chickasaw. These Quartermasters will impress negroes and soldiers hanging behind their regiments without arms and dodging their share of duty and labor; and that these may be distinguished from the soldier in the proper performance of his duty, or the negro servant of the officer, all teamsters and authorized servants should be furnished a written ticket or order assigning him to such duty. When not so provided, any Division or Brigade Quartermaster will impress him and put him to useful work. Sickness also will not be pleaded as an excuse. Sick soldiers must stay in their regimental camps or at their hospitals. If well enough to wander about, they can work on a road or in loading wagons.

The north line of defenses of Vicksburg are our military "object." Grand depot at the mouth of Chickasaw. Temporary supplies of ammunition and provisions will be kept in the rear of each division.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

R. M. SAWYER,

Assistant Adjutant General.

SPECIAL ORDERS }
No. 112. }

HEADQUARTERS,
FIFTEENTH ARMY CORPS
Walnut Hills, Miss., May 28, 1863.

(Extract.)

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2. General Tuttle will establish a picket of five companies, to be relieved daily from General Buckland's Brigade, on the Benton road at a point called Marshall's.

Colonel Eldridge, commanding 127th Illinois Infantry, will leave one company at the landing, and, with the rest of his regiment, will take post where the Vicksburg and Haines' Bluff road crosses Chickasaw Creek, keeping a strong picket on the road to Haines' Bluff and the road running towards the Benton road, at least a mile in advance on each road. The instructions contained in Special Orders No. 143, Headquarters of Department, will be rigidly observed by all pickets.

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By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

R. M. SAWYER,
Assistant Adjutant General.

SPECIAL ORDERS } HEADQUARTERS,
No. 114. } FIFTEENTH ARMY CORPS,
Walnut Hills, Miss., May 30, 1863.

(*Extract.*)

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4. All unemployed negroes in this command will be sent forthwith to report to Lieutenant Bryant, at Department Headquarters.

5. The picket on the Benton road will be composed of a regiment of Infantry, to be designated by General Tuttle, a battalion of Cavalry, to be designated by Lieutenant Colonel Swan, and one section of Artillery, to be designated by Major Taylor, all under the command of the senior officer commanding the Infantry regiment.

This picket will take post beyond Templeton's farm, near where the road forks to Benton and Milldale.

6. The officer in command will cause all the bridges across Clear Creek to the right to be destroyed, and will make a good ditch and parapet near the forks, across the ridge, where the ravines on the right and left are most narrow and rugged; will construct a temporary bridge across the ditch, to be destroyed on the first intimation of the approach of the enemy, and will fell trees to the right and left in the ravines, so as to command, as well as possible, all travel on said road.

7. He will keep Cavalry vedettes well out on the Benton road, report daily by letter to these Headquarters, and will give the earliest possible notice of the approach of any large force from that direction. He will hold it against all odds, if necessary, till reinforced or recalled.

No citizens will be allowed to enter the lines, or leave them, unless permission be first obtained in writing from General Grant, or the General commanding this corps, nor will officers or soldiers pass in or out, unless they be in regularly organized bodies, sent on military service, or officers or orderlies bearing written dispatches.

8. The Benton road beyond the forks will be obstructed by all possible means, such as burning bridges, felling trees, cutting ditches, and facing hills.

9. The 4th Iowa Cavalry, after its return from the present expedition, will camp near Marshall's place, and will be held in readiness for instant service, when called on.

10. The picket posted at Marshall's will be relieved as soon as the one fixed in this order is stationed.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

R. M. SAWYER,
Assistant Adjutant General.

GENERAL ORDERS } HEADQUARTERS,
No. 43. } FIFTEENTH ARMY CORPS,
Walnut Hills, Miss., June 8, 1863.

I...Captain J. C. McCoy, Aide-de-Camp, is hereby relieved from duty as Acting Inspector General of the 15th Army Corps.

II...Captain Charles Ewing, 13th U. S. Infantry, is hereby detailed as Acting Inspector General of the 15th Army Corps, and will report for duty and instructions at these Headquarters. He will be acknowledged and respected as such, with the right to visit divisions, brigades, regiments and detachments, composing the corps, and may make absolute inspections, or call for reports, to enable him to fulfill his office.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

R. M. SAWYER,
Assistant Adjutant General.

GENERAL ORDERS }
 No. 44. }

HEADQUARTERS,
 FIFTEENTH ARMY CORPS,
Camp Walnut Hills, Miss., June 9, 1863.

To prevent communication between the enemy, now closely invested in Vicksburg, and their friends and adherents without, the following rules must be observed on the north front :

A continuous chain of sentinels must extend from the Mississippi River to the Main Jackson road along our front trenches. These sentinels will act as sharpshooters or pickets, and must be posted daily, and be instructed that no human being must pass into or out of Vicksburg, unless on strictly military duty, or as prisoners.

These sentinels must connect, one with another, the whole line ; but Division Commanders may prescribe the posts, so that the length of line for each sentinel will depend on its nature.

All the ground, no matter how seemingly impracticable, must be watched. The reserves and reliefs will be by brigades or divisions, according to the nature of the ground ; but the post of his reserve must be known to each sentinel, and be within call.

1. General Steele will be held responsible for the front from the Mississippi to the valley, now occupied by General Thayer, to be known as "Abbott's Valley."

2. General Tuttle, from Abbott's Valley to the graveyard road, at the point near the head of our "Sap," to be known as "Washington Knoll."

3. General Blair, from Washington Knoll to where he connects with McPherson, at or near the point now occupied by General Ransom's advanced rifle-pits, to be known as "Ransom's Hill."

4. The battalion of Regulars, commanded by Captain Smith, will keep guard along all the roads leading to the front, and will arrest all soldiers absent from their regiments without proper authority, and turn back all officers not provided with written orders or passes from the commanders of their brigades or divisions.

Soldiers or citizens (not regular sutlers within the proper limits of their regiments) found peddling will be put under guard and set to work on roads or trenches, and their wares turned over to the hospital, or distributed among the soldiers on duty.

Horses, mules, or any species of property found in possession of stragglers or absentees from duty, will be turned in to the Corps Quartermaster, a memorandum receipt taken and sent to the Corps Inspector General.

5. Colonel Eldridge, 127th Illinois, will guard the Yazoo City road at Chickasaw Creek, and also the bridges across the bayou, and will enforce at those points the same General Orders as above prescribed.

6. Colonel Judy, of the 114th Illinois, will guard the road at the picket station near Templeton's, with vedettes on the by-roads leading therefrom north and east, and enforce similar General Orders.

7. In every regiment, troop, or company, there must be at least three roll-calls daily: at reveille, retreat, and tattoo; and any commander who cannot account for every man in his command at all times, will be liable for neglect of duty. He cannot shift his responsibility to an orderly sergeant.

The Inspector General of the Corps may and will frequently visit camps, call for the rolls, and see that Captains and Colonels can account for every man.

8. Surgeons in charge of Corps and Division Hospitals will notify regimental commanders of the admission and discharge of men at their hospitals, and furnish lists of men so admitted or discharged to the proper military commanders.

Corps and Division Inspector Generals may and will frequently visit such hospitals and satisfy themselves that no officers or soldiers are in hospitals except such as are admitted for treatment or regularly detailed as nurses.

9. All commanders of divisions, brigades, regiments, and detached companies, will be held responsible that their camps are not encumbered with surplus wagons, tents, horses, mules, tools, sutlers' trash, or anything that would prevent their raising camp at a moment's notice and taking up the march against an enemy to our front, flank, or rear.

10. The magnificent task assigned to this army should inspire every officer and soldier to sacrifice everything of comfort, ease, or pleasure to the one sole object, success, now apparently within our grasp. A little more hard work, great vigilance, and a short struggle, and Vicksburg is ours.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

R. M. SAWYER,

Assistant Adjutant General.

SPECIAL ORDERS } HEADQUARTERS,
 No. 121. } FIFTEENTH ARMY CORPS,
Walnut Hills, Miss., June 9, 1863.

(*Extract.*)

1. Surgeon E. D. Kittoe, U. S. Volunteers, Medical Inspector, 15th Army Corps, will proceed at once to examine and inspect every hospital in the corps, and at Milliken's Bend and Young's Point, and will order every man belonging to the corps, who may be fit for duty in the field or as attendants in hospitals, to join his regiment and company forthwith, and will send lists of the men so ordered to the commanding officer of the company to which the men belong.

Officers and guards will render Surgeon Kittoe any assistance he may require in the discharge of this duty.

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By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

R. M. SAWYER,
Assistant Adjutant General.

GENERAL ORDERS } HEADQUARTERS,
 No. 45. } FIFTEENTH ARMY CORPS,
Camp Walnut Hills, Miss., June 11, 1863.

General Blair, commanding 2d Division, will relieve, with Lightburne's Brigade, the brigade of Tuttle's Division, in support of the batteries to the right of the graveyard road, and to take charge of the siege operations along that road.

General Tuttle will withdraw the brigade now commanded by Colonel J. J. Woods, and prepare his two brigades, viz: Buckland's and Wood's, to march at a moments notice for Haines' Bluff.

The Artillery and Pioneer company belonging to the division will also prepare to move with the division, which should be provided with three days' rations.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

R. M. SAWYER,
Assistant Adjutant General.

GENERAL ORDERS } HEADQUARTERS,
 No. 46. } FIFTEENTH ARMY CORPS,
Camp Walnut Hills, June 13, 1863.

The convalescent camps established at Young's Point and Duckport are hereby discontinued, and all the officers and men therein will rejoin their respective regiments and companies, except such as are too unwell to be treated in regimental hospitals, these may be sent to the corps hospital, at Chickasaw creek.

The camp and garrison equipage will be brought up the Yazoo and deposited on board some steamer, or at a temporary storehouse on the Yazoo near Johnson's or Lake's landing, under the care of some storekeeper, to be designated by the Corps Quartermaster.

Lieutenant Colonel J. Condit Smith will provide the necessary transportation to execute this order, and Division and Brigade Commanders will send for all regimental property still remaining at the Convalescent Camps.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

R. M. SAWYER,

Assistant Adjutant General.

SPECIAL ORDERS } HEADQUARTERS,
 No. 126. } FIFTEENTH ARMY CORPS,
Walnut Hills, Miss., June 15, 1863.
 (Extract.)

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III...The 4th Iowa Cavalry, Lieutenant Colonel Swan commanding, will move to a point near Wixons, on Clear Creek, four miles east of Colonel Judy's present camp, and establish pickets to connect on the right with McPherson at Tiffin, and the Cavalry picket at Post Oak Ridge. The commanding officer will keep up frequent communication with the Infantry picket at Templeton's, and report through him any movement of the enemy worthy of mention.

He will also send frequent patrols out towards Bush's and Birdsong's Ferries across the Big Black.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

R. M. SAWYER

Assistant Adjutant General.

GENERAL ORDERS }
 No. 48. }

HEADQUARTERS,
 FIFTEENTH ARMY CORPS,
Camp Walnut Hills, June 19, 1863.

Captain Kossack, having reported for Engineer duty, is assigned to take charge of the approaches to, and works on, the graveyard road. He will make application well in advance for details of men and keep the work moving night and day. Details for this work will come from General Blair's Division

II...Captain Janney, of the Engineers, will give direction to the work of crowning the hills in front of Buckland's and Thayer's Brigades. Tuttle's Division will furnish details for this work to this front, and Thayer's and Farrar's Brigades of Steele's Division those for the work in front of Thayer.

III...Colonel Woods, commanding brigade on the extreme right, will continue, as heretofore, to push his work round by the right along the Mississippi, and will cause the ground along the Mississippi River, above the "Cincinnati," to be well examined, with a view to the construction of a road in the event of the Yazoo falling to so low a stage of navigation as to be abandoned.

IV...The Chiefs of Artillery will advance their batteries as rapidly as the advanced works justify, prepared to crown the enemy's works when the Engineers report the work done.

Their guns will always be ready for action.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

R. M. SAWYER,
Assistant Adjutant General.

SPECIAL ORDERS }
 No. 130. }

HEADQUARTERS,
 FIFTEENTH ARMY CORPS,
Walnut Hills, Miss., June 19, 1863.

I...The 127th Illinois, Colonel Eldridge, is hereby relieved from its present duty near the landing and hospital, and will rejoin its proper brigade at the front.

II...The battalion of the 113th Illinois will take post near Mrs. Lake's house, and guard the bridges across Chickasaw bayou and the steamboat landing. The commanding officer will be held responsible that good order prevails at the points named and along the

roads between. He will prevent all illicit traffic, and prevent citizens coming to camp unless authorized to come by the General-in-Chief or Corps Commanders. All organized bodies of the military, all accredited staff officers, ambulances and transportation wagons engaged in their proper business, will not be interrupted; but officers and soldiers will not be allowed to pass down or up, unless ordered on duty, or unless with a written pass of a Brigade, Division, or Corps Commander.

III...In cases of doubt the sentinels at the boats or at the bridges will be instructed to pass parties to Mrs. Lake's place, where the senior officer present will exercise a proper discretion. The object of this guard is to prevent improper persons coming into our camps, or soldiers and officers going to the steamboats without proper authority. This guard will confine and put to work all stragglers, and will take and turn over to the Corps Quartermaster, horses, mules, saddles, wagons, carriages, buggies, &c., in the possession of parties not entitled to them.

IV...Any citizen, teamster, soldier, or person whatsoever, setting up a livery stable or hiring horses, wagons, buggies, at any point within our jurisdiction, and without the written authority of General Grant, will be deprived of all such property, be confined as a prisoner, and his case promptly reported to these Headquarters.

The Quartermaster at the landing is the proper person to furnish, at the cost of the United States, all necessary means of transportation.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

R. M. SAWYER,

Assistant Adjutant General.

SPECIAL ORDERS } HEADQUARTERS,
 No. 131. } FIFTEENTH ARMY CORPS,
 Walnut Hills, Miss., June 20, 1863.

The picket now at Templeton's will be relieved by one from Major General Parke's command. The section of Artillery will join its company, and the Infantry regiment, Colonel Judy, will take post at or near Hardaway's, and watch the roads towards Black River, in connection with the Cavalry at Wixon's.

Lieutenant Colonel Hammond, Chief of Staff, will post these pickets, and will cause all roads coming from the direction of Black River to be effectually blockaded; for which purpose he will call on the commanding officers of the two regiments on picket duty for the necessary working details. Should he deem a section of Artillery necessary for this picket, he will call on Major Taylor, Chief of Artillery.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

R. M. SAWYER,
Assistant Adjutant General.

SPECIAL ORDERS } HEADQUARTERS,
No. 135. } FIFTEENTH ARMY CORPS,
Camp near Bear Creek, June 26, 1863.

I...The 4th Iowa Cavalry will take post on Bear Creek, where the Birdsong road crosses it, and will picket at Hill's, and watch the ferry at Birdsong's and Jones', with a Cavalry patrol up the valley of Bear Creek to communicate with General Parke at Oak Ridge post office.

II...General Parke will keep a Cavalry regiment at the point where the lower Benton road crosses Bear Creek, with a picket at the forks of the road and a patrol connecting with the pickets of 4th Iowa at Hill's.

All Cavalry pickets must keep their horses saddled, and their weapons well in hand, and surprise will be certain ruin to the officer in charge. These pickets will be carefully instructed, and the commanders of the Cavalry regiments will be responsible.

III...General Tuttle will hold the ridge, from Tribble's down to Young's, with a regiment of Infantry and section of Artillery in the woods back of Young's, so as to have a full view of the fields down the valley of Bear Creek.

IV...General McArthur will hold the ridge, from Straus's back to McCall's, with a brigade on picket near Fox's. This brigade will send daily and nightly patrols down to the ford at Messinger's. All roads leading from Black River back to the points named will be obstructed by felling trees at the narrowest points, and Division Commanders will keep their pioneer companies and working parties employed all the time. An hour's time now is worth a day after an

enemy makes his appearance. General McArthur will relieve his brigade at Bear Creek crossing as soon as General Tuttle places a regiment at Young's.

V...General Parke will hold Oak Ridge from Nicley's to the post office, with Smith's Division, and will order the Milldale forces to be prepared on the shortest notice to move to McCall's; to which end he will cause a working party, with an intelligent staff officer, to repair the road from Milldale to Albertson's and Harris', thence across the valley of Clear Creek to the school house, Wixon's and McCall's. This will give three good roads from Haines' Bluff to our Key Points and McCall's and Neeley's.

VI...All commanders will aim to keep on hand from three to five days' rations, and at least one hundred rounds of cartridges. Wagons, as a general rule, should be kept back of Clear Creek. Camps should be encumbered as little as possible, and troops well at hand. The vast importance of events now drawing to some conclusion bids us guard against supposed combinations of the enemy rather than the mere appearances. If Johnston attempts to relieve Vicksburg, which he is impelled to do by honor and the clamor of the Southern public, he will feign at many points, but attack with vehemence at some one. Let him appear at any point, he must be fought desperately. Reinforcements must not be clamored for, but each commander will fight back along the ridge he is guarding stubbornly, reporting facts, and not opinions, that the General in command may draw his own conclusions.

The General will be found habitually on the ridge near McCall's, and in case of temporary absence will leave word and orders with a staff officer at his bivouac.

Let all guards and sentinels be carefully instructed, all wandering about stopped, and all citizens found away from their houses be arrested and sent to the rear—Haines' Bluff or Vicksburg.

VII...General Osterhaus, acting in concert with this force, will hold the bridge, and keep his division well in hand, near Bovina, prepared to act decisively, on intelligence or the sounds of battle, in the direction of Tiffin or Fox's plantation.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

R. M. SAWYER,

Assistant Adjutant General.

GENERAL ORDERS }
 No. 49. }

HEADQUARTERS,
 FIFTEENTH ARMY CORPS,
Camp at Bear Creek, June 29, 1863.

The following modifications of existing orders are made and will be executed at once:—

I...General Osterhaus will continue, as heretofore, to hold the fortified position on Black River at the railroad bridge, with patrols and guards watching the river below as far as Baldwin's, and up as far as Bridgeport, his reserves at Clear Creek near Bovina.

II...General McArthur will occupy Tiffin in force, with guards forward toward the Messenger's Ford, connecting with Osterhaus on the Bridgeport road, and his main guards occupying the main ridge up as far as Brant's.

III...Major General Parke will leave a small guard at Milldale and Templeton's, sufficient to hold those points, and move all the troops of the 9th Army Corps to the east side of Clear Creek, connecting his guards at Brant's with McArthur's, his centre near Wixon's, and his guards connecting with General W. S. Smith's, near Mrs. Neeley's.

IV...General Tuttle will hold his present position on the spur leading from McCall's to Markham's and Young's, and will entrench a position back of Tribble's.

V...General W. S. Smith will hold, as now, his position at right connecting with General Parke at Mrs. Neeley's. General Smith, in connection with General Washburn, will effectually blockade all roads and paths coming from the north and lying between the Ridge road and Yazoo Valley road.

VI...General Washburn will hold the fortified position at Harris' Bluff with Kimball's Division, and will continue to strengthen the lines on the north front. That being our strongest front, we should invite attack in that quarter.

VII...This disposition of forces makes a connected line from the railroad bridge to Haines' Bluff by Tiffin, Wixon's, McCall's, Neeley's and Oak Ridge. Each Corps and Division Commander will proceed to entrench a position near his key point, sufficient for two batteries and one brigade, commanding water and looking to the east and north.

All roads to the rear should be improved; a double track for wagons made by opening fences and trimming out woods. Lateral roads should also be looked to to facilitate concentration and lateral movements. Roads to the front should be obstructed, except such as are necessary for our guards and our own use. The Commanding General, after careful personal inspection, pronounces the points from which we have most reason to apprehend danger to be the two fords at Messenger's and about a mile below Birdsong's. Nixon's and Neeley's are the best points for concentration, and the ridges by Fox's and Markham's the best lines of operation.

VIII...All the Cavalry, not absolutely needed for orderlies and patrols, will be massed under command of Colonel Bussey, 3d Iowa, on Bear Creek, from Young's up to Harris', and is charged specially to watch the lower Benton road and the ford below Birdsong's.

IX...All Commanders of Corps and Divisions and Chief of Cavalry will report by letter or staff officer daily to the Commanding General at his bivouac near Tuttle's.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

R. M. SAWYER,
Assistant Adjutant General.

GENERAL ORDERS }
No. 50. }

HEADQUARTERS,
FIFTEENTH ARMY CORPS,
Walnut Hill, Miss., July 3, 1863.

The troops of this corps will be prepared to march on short notice with ten days' rations of flour and hard bread, coffee, salt, and sugar.

All transportation will be put in order and held in readiness for movement.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

R. M. SAWYER,
Assistant Adjutant General.

GENERAL ORDERS } HEADQUARTERS,
 No. 52. } FIFTEENTH ARMY CORPS,
Camp near Bear Creek, July 4, 1863.

The moment Vicksburg surrenders and the investing army is relieved from the trenches by General Grant's orders, a movement will be made inland, preliminary to which the following orders are made:—

I...The 13th Army Corps, General Ord, will move direct to the Black River bridge, with an advance guard across in the direction of Edward's Depot, and the main body on Clear Creek.

II...The 15th Army Corps, General Sherman, will move by the Bridgeport road to Tiffin and take the road by Fox's to Messenger's Ford; an advance guard across to occupy the hill, and the main body along Black River and Fox's Creek.

III...The 9th Army Corps, General Parke, to which the division of General W. S. Smith is temporarily attached, will move by the several roads available to the vicinity of Birdsong's Ferry, with his advance guard across and his main force on Bear Creek.

IV...The Cavalry force, Colonel Bussey in command, will cross Black, near the mouth of Bear Creek, and receive special orders from the Commanding General.

V...All commanders will see that their troops are well provided with five days' rations in their haversacks and regimental wagons; cartridges at the rate of one hundred and fifty (150) per man; wagons not to exceed three to a regiment: one for ammunition, two for cooking utensils and provisions, and a couple of ambulances for the sick and wounded. Great attention must be paid to providing water, for which purpose each company should have a pack mule with a couple of small kegs, or a saddle to which should be suspended the canteens of the men.

VI...All wagons not in use should be sent in to make up a wagon train of two hundred wagons, under directions of the Chief Quartermaster, Colonel J. Condit Smith, and Chief Commissary, to be loaded with bread, coffee, sugar, and salt, for equal distribution after the five days' supplies are out.

VII...All baggage, tents, and encumbrances of any kind, must not be taken along. Any wagon, carriage, buggy, or horse, other than

such as are used by officers entitled by law to be mounted and as prescribed in these orders, will be seized by any Brigade or Division Quartermaster or Surgeon and appropriated to the public use.

As soon as the columns arrive at the points designated, each Corps Commander will repair in person to these Headquarters, at Fox's, to receive maps and detailed instructions.

Each Corps Commander and Chief of Cavalry will bring with him a field report of his forces, with number of wagons, guns, &c., and a copy of the best map of the State of Mississippi in his possession.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

R. M. SAWYER,

Assistant Adjutant General.

EXPEDITIONARY ARMY.

(AGAINST JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI.)

GENERAL ORDERS } HEADQUARTERS OF THE EXPEDITION,
 No. 53. } CAMP AT FOX'S, *July 6, 1863.*

The troops composing this expedition, being now in position, will move as follows:—

1. The 13th Army Corps, General Ord, will cross Black River at the railroad bridge, and move on Clinton by the direct road, passing by Champion Hill, and about a mile south of Bolton Station.

2. The 15th Army Corps, which will, for the time of this expedition, be commanded by General Steele, will move on Clinton by the upper road, which passes about three miles north of Bolton Station.

3. The 9th Army Corps, General Parke, will move to Clinton by the Brownsville road, using the roads through and south of Brownsville, aiming to converge at Clinton.

4. The movement will begin at 4 P. M. of July 6th, each corps aiming to arrive at Bolton Station at 10 A. M. of July 7th, and at Clinton by 10 A. M. of the 8th.

5. The Cavalry, under command of Colonel Bussey, will cross Black River in advance of General Parke, move rapidly towards Brownsville and across to Bolton, thence to Clinton, communicating at each point with Corps Commanders and the General in command.

6. All commanders will hold their troops in perfect order for battle at all times, and on encountering the enemy will engage him at once. If the enemy be encountered in force on any route, the corps moving on the parallel routes will direct their columns so as to reach the field of battle to the rear and flank of the enemy.

7. The General in chief command will attend the central column, where all staff officers and communications will be addressed him. Corps Commanders will so arrange their trains, and so conduct their marches, that their men and horses suffer as little as possible from the excessive heat and dust of the season; but each will remember the position of his neighbors and regard their situation.

8. Private pillage and plunder must cease. Our supplies are now ample, and there is no use or sense in wanton damage. Brigade Quartermasters and Commissaries may collect, by regular foraging parties, such forage and provisions as are needed by the troops, but the people of the country should be protected, as far as possible, against the cruel and wanton acts of irresponsible parties.

Stragglers and camp followers found out of place should be dealt with summarily.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

R. M. SAWYER,

Assistant Adjutant General.

GENERAL ORDERS }
No. 54. }

HEADQUARTERS,
EXPEDITIONARY ARMY,
Near Bolton, Miss., July 7, 1863.

In consequence of the non-arrival of the 9th Army Corps, the movement on Clinton for to-morrow will be postponed. The 13th Army Corps, General Ord, will hold the ground to the south of the railroad, and General Steele, with the 15th Army Corps, that to the north, connecting at the bridge in Bolton.

Each Corps Commander will picket strong to the front and exposed flank.

Colonel Bussey, Chief of Cavalry, will, early in the morning, move directly to the front, threatening Clinton. If no enemy is encountered, he will move to the north of the upper Jackson road, make a circuit towards Brownsville and return to camp.

Corps Commanders will arrange their troops by divisions, brigades, and regiments, direct proper roll-calls, and see that their men are kept in camp.

All must be prepared to move or engage an enemy on the shortest notice.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

R. M. SAWYER,
Assistant Adjutant General.

HEADQUARTERS,
EXPEDITIONARY ARMY,
Near Bolton, Miss., July 8, 1863.

[CIRCULAR.]

Corps Commanders, with such of the Division Commanders as can be spared from camp, will meet the General Commanding at Porter House at Bolton Depot at 10 A. M.

All men and officers will at once provide two days' rations in their haversacks—officers' haversacks to be carried by their servants—so that the army be independent of the train.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

R. M. SAWYER,
Assistant Adjutant General.

GENERAL ORDERS	}	HEADQUARTERS,
No. 55.		EXPEDITIONARY ARMY, <i>Clinton, Miss., July 9, 1863.</i>

The movement to-morrow will be as follows:—

1. The 15th Army Corps, General Steele commanding, will move on the main Jackson road, pressing the enemy's skirmishers of Infantry and Cavalry until it draws the fire of Artillery, when it will make the proper disposition for battle. General Steele will so arrange as to have his 20-pound parrotts near the front. He will act according to circumstances and his own judgment, having reference to the troops to his right and left.

2. General Ord, commanding 13th Army Corps, will detach two of his divisions by a cross road to the Raymond road, thence towards Jackson, until they draw the enemy's Artillery fire, in which case they will threaten to turn the enemy's left flank and carry it, in case they hear the rest of the army engaged.

The remainder of this corps will be held in reserve, following the movements of General Steele, and looking to the protection of the wagon trains.

3. General Parke, commanding the 9th Army Corps, will move on the most practicable route north of and parrallel to General Steele, endeavoring to reach the Canton road, keeping up communication with General Steele and acting in concert with him.

4. Should the enemy offer battle in the open field, each corps will attack the moment its commander is satisfied that the other corps are in position.

Should the enemy offer battle behind entrenchments, the troops will be placed as much as possible under cover from the enemy's Artillery fire, and there await the instructions of the Commanding General.

Should the town be evacuated, General Steele will push one division of his corps into the city, securing all captured property, and occupying in force the point where the bridge crosses Pearl River. In this event, all other troops will be kept well in hand and await the orders of the Commanding General.

5. The wagon trains should not approach nearer than within five miles of Jackson, and in case of battle should be parked off the roads by division or corps trains.

6. General Steele will move at 6 o'clock A. M., and the other corps will be put in motion so as to reach Jackson about the same time with General Steele.

7. The Cavalry, under Colonel Bussey, will act with General Parke against the right flank of the enemy, reporting to General Parke for orders.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

R. M. SAWYER,
Assistant Adjutant General.

GENERAL ORDERS }
 No. 56. }

HEADQUARTERS,
 EXPEDITIONARY ARMY,
Near Jackson, Miss., July 10, 1863.

The enemy having taken post in the fortified city of Jackson, the following dispositions will be observed:—

1. General Ord, with the 13th Army Corps, will operate along the Raymond road; General Steele, with the 15th Army Corps, along the Clinton road, and General Parke, with the 9th Corps, along the Livingston road, all connecting by pickets.

2. Each Corps Commander will cause to be constructed in some commanding position one or more batteries, sufficient to cover their heaviest ordnance, with rifle pits to protect these guns. They will dispose their troops so as to suffer as little as possible from the enemy's Artillery fire, and to be easily massed for offense or defense.

General Ord will send frequent and strong detachments as far as Pearl River to the right, with a view to secure a point from which to attack the railroad bridge, or the railroad itself, beyond Pearl River.

General Parke will in like manner send similar detachments for a like purpose to Pearl River to his left.

All Corps Commanders will gain ground to the front, whenever they can do so, without too great a sacrifice of life: and whenever an assault is made at any one point, the batteries and sharpshooters at all others must co-operate.

General Ord will dispatch all his available Cavalry to the south, with orders to tear up and effectually destroy at least one mile of the track, and as many bridges as possible, for a distance of at least fifteen miles from Jackson.

Colonel Bussey, with all the Cavalry he can raise, will proceed to the north and destroy the railroad at Canton and the railroad bridge at Black River above Canton, and as many other bridges along the route as possible, concerning which he will apply to and receive instructions from the Commanding General.

4. The attention of all officers should be called to the importance of digging wells whenever there is a prospect of procuring water near the encampments of their men.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman:

R. M. SAWYER,

Assistant Adjutant General.

HEADQUARTERS,

EXPEDITIONARY ARMY,

Near Jackson, July 11, 1863.

[CIRCULAR.]

Copies of all maps or sketches of the vicinity of Jackson, that may be of any importance to the Commanding General, will be furnished as early as possible to these Headquarters for his information, and that they may be compiled into a general map, together with surveys of the city, made when our forces were here last May.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

R. M. SAWYER,

Assistant Adjutant General.

GENERAL ORDERS }
No. 57. }

HEADQUARTERS,

EXPEDITIONARY ARMY,

Near Jackson, July 11, 1863.

There will be a general cannonading to-morrow, commencing at 7 o'clock A. M., lasting not to exceed one hour. Each gun will fire not to exceed thirty rounds, solid shot and shell in proper proportions. The shots will be directed against any groups of the enemy's troops or in direction of the town of Jackson, which lies northwest and south of the State House, plainly visible from all parts of our line.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

R. M. SAWYER,

Assistant Adjutant General.

GENERAL ORDERS }
No. 58. }

HEADQUARTERS,

EXPEDITIONARY ARMY,

Near Jackson, July 12, 1863.

Lieutenant Colonel J. Condit Smith, Chief Quartermaster, will dispatch the supply train to Black River bridge to report to General McArthur, commanding at that point, to await there orders for further supplies. The train will be escorted in by Colonel Hall's regiment of General McArthur's Division and another regiment to be detailed by General Steele.

II...General Steele will detail a regiment to escort this train to a point five miles west of Clinton, when it will encamp for the night, and return next day, unless its commander learns by the way some

reason why he should protect it further. The train will be made up to-night, where it is now parked, one-half mile west of these Headquarters, and start before daylight.

III...Corps Commanders will avail themselves of this opportunity to send to Vicksburg such wounded and sick men as can bear transportation in these empty wagons, also all the worthless baggage and trash that now encumber the regimental wagons retained in their camps. The Inspector General, Lieutenant Colonel Ewing, will turn over to Colonel Hall all the prisoners of war in charge of his guard, to be delivered to General McArthur for transportation to Vicksburg. Proper descriptive lists must accompany these prisoners, and a copy sent to General Grant's Provost Marshal.

IV...Corps Commanders should send forthwith to these Headquarters requisitions for all Ordnance stores, Quartermaster stores, and tools they require to be brought out by the next train.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

R. M. SAWYER,
Assistant Adjutant General.

SPECIAL ORDERS } No. 140. }	HEADQUARTERS, EXPEDITIONARY ARMY, <i>Near Jackson, July 12, 1863.</i>
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Corps Commanders will at once send guards on the roads to their rear, at least three (3) miles out, to prevent and warn all paroled prisoners coming from Vicksburg from coming within the lines of this army, or attempting to get into Jackson.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

R. M. SAWYER,
Assistant Adjutant General.

HEADQUARTERS.
EXPEDITIONARY ARMY,
Camp before Jackson, July 14, 1863.

[MEMORANDUM ORDER.]

For Artillery practice, until the supply for a general cannonade comes out from the river, (expected to-morrow night):—

1. *From General Parke's front.*—A rifle-shot, aimed in the general direction of the State House, enfilading the town of Jackson,

to be fired every five minutes, day and night, and oftener when the Chief of Artillery observes good effect.

2. *From General Steele's front.*—A rifle-shot, directed at the State House, so as to enfilade the general line of works in front of General Parke. Also a Napoleon shot, or six-pounder case shot, to reach and partially enfilade the works to the front of Blair's Division, to be fired every five minutes, day and night, and oftener if the enemy shows masses of troops.

3. *From General Ord's front, Hovey's position.*—A rifle-shot, (10 or 20-pounder Parrott,) directed at the road or line of communication from Jackson across Pearl River toward the East, chiefly at the bridge, to be fired every five minutes, day and night, and oftener if the officer in charge sees evidences of the passage either way of wagons, horses, or men.

This fire, kept up with persevering constancy, will be very galling, and the enemy will be strongly tempted to sally. That is what we want, and the troops should be prepared for it at all times.

They should be disposed so as to suffer as little as possible from the enemy's reply, sure to be drawn by this steady, unceasing cross-fire.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman:

R. M. SAWYER,
Assistant Adjutant General.

SPECIAL ORDERS } HEADQUARTERS,
No. 141. } EXPEDITIONARY ARMY,
Camp before Jackson, July 14, 1863.

I...An expedition, to be composed of Bussey's Cavalry, Wood's Brigade of Thayer's Division, and Landgraeber's Battery, with a company of pioneers, to be designated by General Steele, will be fitted out, ready to start on short notice, to perform certain service, concerning which the commander of the expedition, Colonel C. R. Woods, of the 76th Ohio, will receive special instructions from the Commanding General.

The Chief Quartermaster, Lieutenant Colonel J. Condit Smith, will collect from among the wagons of the whole command about fifty (50) to attend this expedition, to be ready by to-morrow.

II...The Cavalry and a section of Light Artillery from General Ord's Corps will also prepare for an expedition to start to-morrow, the commander of which will prepare five empty wagons to attend him, and report in person to the Commanding General for instructions.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

R. M. SAWYER,
Assistant Adjutant General.

GENERAL ORDERS } No. 59.	} HEADQUARTERS, ARMY BEFORE JACKSON, <i>Camp, July 17, 1863.</i>
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The enemy having evacuated the town of Jackson and retreated eastward, the following dispositions will be observed:—

I...General Steele, commanding 15th Army Corps, will, in pursuance of previous orders, occupy the town with one division, (Blair's,) and will maintain order and good discipline within the limits of the place, repressing all pillage, plundering, and rowdiness, to which end he will be authorized to collect all stragglers and men on horseback having no orders or business from proper authority, taking the horses for the use of the Quartermaster's Department and putting the men to work on the destruction of the railroad.

General Steele will make details and cause the railroad and bridges to be thoroughly destroyed, with all cars, machinery and appliances of the railroad within the limits of the entrenchments.

II...General Ord, commanding 13th Army Corps, will group his corps convenient to water and the Raymond road, prepared for any event that may arise.

He will keep one brigade steadily at work destroying railroad to the south.

III...General Parke will group his corps convenient to the Lunatic Asylum and water, and will dispatch one division up the Canton road to the vicinity of Grant's Mills, with a good detachment at the crossing of Pearl River. If a bridge be there, it will be kept; if destroyed, the material for another should be collected, with a view to cross eastward; also a brigade continuously engaged in destroying railroad track northward.

The detached division will be instructed to keep a bright look out for Cavalry to the rear, and will also destroy a section of railroad near their camp.

IV...All batteries will fill their chests with ammunition, and the Infantry will refill their cartridge-boxes. Provisions and wagons on hand will be distributed equally, retaining in the hands of the Chief Commissary a small reserve supply for contingencies and to relieve starving people. Roll-calls will be carefully made at retreat to-day and all men properly accounted for.

Each Corps Commander will see that his corps is provided in all respects for five days, and will report any causes of inability to march. All the ambulances and empty wagons of the army must be held in readiness to carry the sick and wounded back to Black River.

V...General McArthur will hold his division on the road at Clinton and Champion Hills to cover the road against incursions of guerillas or Cavalry, and will cause the repair of the telegraph to these Headquarters.

VI...All parties intrusted with destroying railroads should be impressed with the vast importance of the work. One day's work of the 15th Army Corps at Jackson in May prevented Johnston handling his troops and material in the campaign, now made complete by the retreat from Jackson. Let us now so destroy this railroad that it cannot be used "during the war."

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

R. M. SAWYER,
Assistant Adjutant General.

SPECIAL ORDERS }
No. 144. }

HEADQUARTERS,
EXPEDITIONARY ARMY,
Jackson, Miss., July 17, 1863.

General Steele will occupy the town of Jackson with one division ; the line of pickets will occupy the parapet ; the rest of the troops will be kept well in hand in their present position, and prepared for a movement on short notice. All straggling must be prevented.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

R. M. SAWYER,
Assistant Adjutant General.

GENERAL ORDERS }
 No. 60. }

HEADQUARTERS,
 ARMY IN THE FIELD,
 Jackson, Miss., July 19, 1863.

The enemy having evacuated his entrenchments and escaped by the aid of his railroad, the General commanding announces to all that the purposes for which we sallied forth from the line of the Big Black have been fulfilled, and this army, after fully completing the destruction of the railroads, will return to the neighborhood of Vicksburg for rest and reorganization.

The railroad has been broken up for forty miles north, including the costly bridge above Canton and the extensive machine shops, cars, &c., in Canton, with full twelve miles of track burned and destroyed. In like manner it has been destroyed for sixty miles south, as far as Brookhaven, and eastward to and beyond Brandon. Jackson cannot again become a place for the assemblage of men and materials with which to threaten the Mississippi River. All hostile bodies of men, recently threatening us during the siege of Vicksburg, are now driven beyond Pearl River and are known to be in full retreat eastward, broken up and perishing in the desert region of 88 miles, destitute of water, between Pearl River and Meridian, over which, at this hot season, it would be destruction for us to follow.

II...The two divisions of the 9th Army Corps proper, under Generals Potter and Welsh, the whole commanded by General Parke, will at once return by easy marches by Brownsville and Messenger's to its old camp at Milldale, the commander reporting in advance by letter to General Grant at Vicksburg.

III...The 13th Army Corps, General Ord, will return to Vicksburg by easy marches as soon as the Cavalry under Colonel Ferguson is in, moving *via* Raymond, Edwards' Depot and Black River bridge, the commander reporting in advance to General Grant in Vicksburg for further orders.

IV...The 15th Army Corps, to which will be attached the division heretofore commanded by General W. S. Smith, will move by the direct Clinton and Bolton road, crossing Black River, and taking post for the present near Black River and Bear Creek.

V...General McArthur's Division will resume post at Black River bridge, reporting to General McPherson for orders.

VI...The Cavalry, Colonel Bussey, will, after all the Infantry have broken camp, move, by easy and slow marches, to its old camp on Black River, attached for the time being to the 15th Army Corps.

VII...Medical Directors will see that every wounded and sick man is properly conveyed ahead or along with the corps to the proper division or general hospital, at the place to which his corps is directed ; to which end they will call on the Quartermasters of the respective divisions and corps for all empty wagons, or they may seize and appropriate to that use all vehicles not engaged in the transportation of army stores proper, or the horses, mules and beasts, that now attend the army ridden by idlers, negroes, &c.

Quartermasters and Staff officers will be held responsible that not a dollar's worth of public property is left behind.

VIII...Major Taylor, Chief of Artillery, is charged with destroying and casting into Pearl River all guns, shot, shell and ammunition of the enemy found in Jackson, and he will also cause to be battered down with Artillery the piers of the old railroad bridge across Pearl River, as soon as General Steele's expedition is back from Brandon.

IX...General Blair will cause to be burned all cotton or other public property in Jackson, used in the construction of forts or for hostile purposes. Nothing of the kind must be left to be again used against us in war.

X...General Parke will commence the movement at once. The other troops will move on the 21st, or after having accomplished the above. All commanders will see that provisions meet them at some point of the road in drawing from the depot at the railroad bridge across Black River.

XI...In thus dissolving this army and returning its parts to their appropriate places, General Sherman tenders his personal and official thanks to officers and men for the cordial support he has received from all in thus giving the finishing stroke to the magnificent campaign of Vicksburg.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

R. M. SAWYER,
Assistant Adjutant General.

SPECIAL ORDERS } HEADQUARTERS,
 No. 145. } ARMY IN THE FIELD,
Jackson, Miss., July 20, 1863.

I...Leave of absence for the benefit of his health is hereby granted, for seven days, to Brigadier General W. S. Smith, commanding division, with leave to apply at Department Headquarters for an extension until his health is fully restored.

The General commanding regrets, beyond measure, that sickness or any cause should deprive the army of the services of an officer of such marked intelligence and such warm zeal in the cause of his country.

II...Brigadier General Hugh Ewing is hereby assigned to the command of the division heretofore commanded by General W. S. Smith, and will enter on the discharge of the duties forthwith.

He will turn over the command of his present brigade to the senior Colonel of his present command.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

R. M. SAWYER,
Assistant Adjutant General.

FIFTEENTH ARMY CORPS.

GENERAL ORDERS } HEADQUARTERS,
 No. 61. } FIFTEENTH ARMY CORPS,
Jackson, Miss., July 22, 1863.

I...Having completely fulfilled the objects of our movement on Jackson, the several divisions will move to-morrow morning *early*, going as far as Clinton the first day, to Baker's Creek, near Bolton. the next day, and to their camps on Black River the third day, as follows:—

Tuttle's Division, on Bear Creek, near Markham's and Young's.

Ewing's Division, near Black River, above Messenger's bridge and the road.

Steele's Division, near Black River, and below Messenger's bridge and the road.

Blair's Division, near Widow Fox's.

All camps will be laid out with regard to order, police, health and cleanliness ; face to the east, with division and brigade lines of battle so placed that guard-mountings and parades may be conducted on the proper color lines.

Division Commanders should conduct their commands to the neighborhood of the points indicated, and there select with some care the sites of the camps, and give immediate orders on the subject of sinks, drinking water, bathing, &c. After unloading regimental wagons, they can be dispatched, provided with written orders of the Division Commander, to Vicksburg, to bring out the camp and garrison equipage. The probabilities are that we will rest through the heat of summer in these camps, and too much care cannot be taken in making the first choice of ground and then keeping it clean.

II...General Steele will give all the necessary orders of march on the road, and command the corps until General Sherman reports to General Grant in person at Vicksburg and returns to the camps on Black River to resume the command of his corps proper. His Headquarters will be near Parson Fox's, on the Vicksburg road.

The General commanding expects the march back to Black River and forming the camps there will be done in perfect order, after which he will favor such short furloughs as are consistent with the interests of the Government and of the soldiers.

Quartermasters and Commissaries will take notice and make the proper arrangements for supplies.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

R. M. SAWYER,

Assistant Adjutant General.

SPECIAL ORDERS } HEADQUARTERS,
 No. 147. } FIFTEENTH ARMY CORPS,
 } *Camp near Baker's Creek, (Champion Hills,) Mississippi, July 24, 1863.*

(Extract.)

1. Lieutenant Colonel J. Condit Smith will proceed to Messenger's bridge, on Big Black, and prepare for the crossing of this corps to the west bank during to-morrow. He will see that the bridge is kept clear, and that all wagons are moved on the west bank, so as to leave the road open.

2. He will call upon the commanding officer there for a sufficient detail to guard the bridge and to carry out this order. He will construct in the cornfield on the east bank a large corral, in which to collect horses, mules, &c., now in the possession of soldiers and officers belonging to this army, which have been plundered and taken from the inhabitants of the country.

3. He will appoint suitable officers or agents of the Quartermaster's Department to take by force, if necessary, all horses ridden by any officer or soldier of this army not entitled by law to be mounted, and collect out of the wagons all articles of furniture, chairs, tables, books, papers, and anything not belonging to the usual equipment of an officer or soldier. He will take steps to do this effectually and expeditiously, so as not to delay the passage of the bridge by the troops. Officers having escorts, mounted orderlies or servants, will keep them near their persons, or if required to detach them will give them a written paper designating their office. Such horses will not be disturbed, but all else will be taken, and the horses, mules, &c., turned into the corral for safe keeping.

4. A Board of Survey to consist of Colonel Wolcott, 46th Ohio; Major Geisy, 46th Ohio, and Captain Harlan, 6th Iowa, will assemble at the corral, thus provided, near the bridge at 8 A. M. July 26, to hear and determine all rights to horses, mules, or other property, claimed as private, and their decision shall be final, and property thus pronounced by said Board of Survey as private shall be restored to the claimants, and the remainder will be taken possession of by the Quartermaster and properly branded and accounted for. A schedule or inventory thereof will be made out and filed at these Headquarters, and the property will be taken up on the quarterly returns and accounted for as if purchased. Should useless property be thus acquired, the same Board of Survey may order it burned, or sent to Vicksburg for sale for the benefit of the United States.

5. Should sick men be conveyed in carriages, buggies, or vehicles other than the usual army wagons or ambulances, they must be taken out and the carriages, buggies, &c., disposed of according to this order; and Colonels and Surgeons of regiments will send back promptly to Messenger's their proper ambulances to take to camp the sick thus conveyed.

No excuse will be received for the passage of any unauthorized vehicle until its title is ascertained in the manner herein set forth.

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By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

R. M. SAWYER,
Assistant Adjutant General.

GENERAL ORDERS } HEADQUARTERS,
No. 62. } FIFTEENTH ARMY CORPS,
Camp at Fox's, near Big Black, July 27, 1863.

I...The 1st Division, General Steele, will take post at the railroad crossing of Black River, the troops being disposed as far back as Bovina.

II...The depot of supplies for the 15th Army Corps will be at the railroad on Black River, to which point the Chief Quartermaster and Commissary will remove and make all proper arrangements for receiving and issuing supplies.

Lieutenant Colonel J. Condit Smith, the Chief Quartermaster, will have charge of the railroad and cars, and make suitable arrangements for the carriage of mails, passengers, &c., daily. He may deliver to each Division Quartermaster a spring wagon to run to and from the camp and the depot for the carriage of mail matter and as a messenger wagon. He will also prepare a proper code of regulations for travel on the road, to be approved at Headquarters and announced in orders.

General Steele will furnish to the Quartermaster all suitable details to enable him to carry out the objects of this order.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

R. M. SAWYER,
Assistant Adjutant General

HEADQUARTERS FIFTEENTH ARMY CORPS,

DEPARTMENT OF THE TENNESSEE,

*Camp on Black River, Miss., July 27, 1863.**To the officers and soldiers of the 15th Army Corps:*

When, in progress of the war, time and opportunity presents a favorable occasion, we should pause and reflect upon the past.

In November, last year, we were mostly at Helena and Memphis. The enemy lay in force behind entrenchments of his own choice at the Tallahatchie, boastful of his power and strength, defiant and insulting in his tone. In combination with our fellow soldiers of the Army of the Tennessee, we advanced directly against him, whilst a force from Helena, thrust laterally at Grenada, made him leave in haste and confusion, and fall behind the Yallabusha and the Yazoo, with Vicksburg and its frowning hills and batteries as his impregnable stronghold. It then became our part of the grand drama to strike this stronghold, and we moved against it with expedition and a firm resolution to succeed. But there are—in war as in peace—limits to the power of the bravest men, and we failed to carry by a dash the line of bluffs and forts that had been prepared with consummate art and defended by a brave and skillful enemy. Not daunted, we drew off to prepare anew for a more powerful blow. Time offering the opportunity, instead of awaiting in idleness, we turned against Arkansas Post, and, by a quick and skillful movement, we reduced and captured Fort Hindman, with all its garrison and material of war. Then, returning to the original purpose of the campaign, we were again at Young's Point, and began that series of preparations which has resulted in final success. The labor and toil of those dark and gloomy months were not spent in vain.

The gunboat fleet, commanded by Admiral Porter, explored every bayou and creek of the network of streams that afforded any chance of reaching the land above Vicksburg, and it was our pleasing task, when in March last, during one of the expeditions, when the safety of our gunboat fleet was threatened, to hasten through water and swamp, and canebrake and storm, to its assistance, and we now know that, to the labor and energy then displayed, the country owes to us, in a great measure, the safety of the iron-clads which have done so much to open the Mississippi.

At last, when it was demonstrated that nature and art had made Vicksburg impregnable from the river on its north side, and our General had resolved to reach it from the south, we aided much in passing the necessary fleet of boats below Vicksburg, and when the first battle was to begin at Grand Gulf we had the important but ungrateful task of deceiving our enemy by a feigned attack on Haines' Bluff. That feint or diversion was perfectly successful, and for weeks we succeeded admirably in confusing and deceiving the enemy as to our purposes, and contributed largely thereby in gaining a successful foothold on land below Vicksburg. Then by a rapid march we overtook our comrades, and with them swept the enemy before us to Jackson and back again to Vicksburg, reaching, after unexampled skill, the very points we had aimed to secure in December.

Of the siege of Vicksburg it ill becomes your commander now to speak. That the 15th Army Corps performed its full share of labor and fighting our General-in-Chief has borne full testimony, and our colors will ever bear, in proud remembrance of that great historical event, the appropriate mark.

But before the fall of that city one of the most skillful Generals of the mighty rebellion was known to be hurrying to our rear with a large army, threatening our safety, and boasting that he would not only relieve his comrades in the beleaguered city, but destroy and annihilate our army. We were in part called from our trenches to watch this dangerous enemy, and it is now known that our watchfulness baffled his purposes, and when at last, on the very birthday of our nation, Vicksburg sunk helpless and a penitent into our military power, we were called on, without rest, to drop the pick and seize the musket, and drive away that army which had insolently threatened our very existence.

History affords few parallels of the rapidity and success of this march. Vicksburg surrendered on the 4th of July. We crossed Black River on the 6th, and on the 8th we had forced the enemy to take refuge behind his trenches at Jackson. Again we had to resort to pick and shovel, but our enemy reading his certain doom in the fate of Vicksburg availed himself of the cover of night and fled across Pearl River, and the valley of the Mississippi became "*at last free of the presence of an hostile army.*"

Having then destroyed the Great Central Railroad for 100 miles, and thereby made it useless to our foe in after campaigns, we have quietly returned to our camps and supplies, ready for any new events that may require our service.

Your commander, in thus briefly reciting the events of the past seven months, thinks in them every officer and man has good reason to flatter himself that in producing this grand result he has borne a part.

In after years it will be the subject of pride to himself and children, and we know how our fellow countrymen were wild with joy when the telegraph spread the good tidings that the Mississippi was again made free by the courage and perseverance of their brave volunteers, and that once more every American could steam up and down this majestic river without fearing the hissing shell or whizzing bullet of a foe from its ambushed shores.

Let the *magnificent result* give to all *men* hope and assurance that by discipline, by patient industry, by courage and confidence in our country and cause, the United States of America will, instead of sinking into Mexican anarchy, arise with proud honor and glory, and become what Washington designed it: "*The freest and best regulated Government on Earth.*"

W. T. SHERMAN,
Major General Commanding.

SPECIAL ORDERS } HEADQUARTERS,
No. 150. } FIFTEENTH ARMY CORPS,
Camp near Black River, July 30, 1863.

(*Extract.*)

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One commissioned officer from each brigade of this corps, to be designated by the Brigade Commander, and one enlisted man from each regiment, to be designated by the Regimental Commander, will at once be dispatched to Vicksburg and vicinity to collect and forward to their proper regimental camps all officers and men belonging to this corps—not absent by orders from Department or Corps Headquarters. The convalescent camps in and around Vicksburg will be visited by the detail sent under this order, and all

sick and convalescents able to be moved will be brought to their proper regimental or hospital camps. The details thus sent will be allowed three days to discharge their duties under this order.

The Quartermaster's Department will furnish the necessary transportation.

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By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

R. M. SAWYER,
Assistant Adjutant General.

SPECIAL ORDERS } HEADQUARTERS,
No. 156. } FIFTEENTH ARMY CORPS,
Camp near Big Black, August 6, 1863.

(*Extract.*)

I...The brigade of Colonel Sandford, of the 4th Division, 15th Army Corps, will move to Oak Ridge Post Office, and take post there, taking tents, sick, and all its transportation. General Ewing will also designate a four-gun battery to accompany this brigade.

The commanding officer of this brigade will make his morning reports to, and receive instructions as heretofore from, his Division Commander.

II...The Cavalry of this corps, viz: The 3d and 4th Iowa and 5th Illinois, under the command of Colonel Winslow, of the 4th Iowa, will start on Monday next, provided with four days' rations, and completely equipped in all respects for service, on an expedition, concerning which the commanding officer will receive minute and full instructions. The Corps Quartermaster, Lieutenant Colonel J. Condit Smith, will turn over to the Brigade Quartermaster of Colonel Winslow the sum of three thousand (3,000) dollars for the use of this expedition, taking receipts therefor.

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By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

R. M. SAWYER,
Assistant Adjutant General.

HEADQUARTERS,

FIFTEENTH ARMY CORPS,

Near Black River, Miss., August 7, 1863.

[CIRCULAR.]

The following dispatch has been received from Vicksburg:—

“ *To General Sherman:*

“ If you have any deserving young men in your command, between the ages of sixteen (16) and twenty-one, (21,) fit for a cadetship, send in the names of five or six of them to be forwarded to receive appointments from the State of Mississippi.

“ U. S. GRANT,
“ *Major General* ”

Division Commanders will cause five or six selections as above mentioned to be made from their commands, and order the young men to report to the General commanding, at these Headquarters, between the hours of ten and two o'clock to-morrow, for examination, in order that the requisite number may be selected, and their names forwarded.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

R. M. SAWYER,

Assistant Adjutant General.

GENERAL ORDERS }
No. 65. }

HEADQUARTERS,
FIFTEENTH ARMY CORPS,
Camp on Big Black, August 9, 1863.

1. In order that all officers and soldiers belonging to and serving with this corps may have a better understanding of existing orders, and the rules of war touching private persons and property, the Commanding General hereby announces and makes public the laws of the United States, and the practice of all civilized nations concerning them:—

AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES.

ART. III...No soldier shall, in time of peace, be quartered in any house without the consent of the owner, nor in time of war but in the manner prescribed by law. (None thus far prescribed.)

ART. IV. The rights of the people, to be secure in their persons, houses, papers and effects against unreasonable searches and seizures, shall not be violated, and no warrants shall issue but upon probable cause, supported by oath or affirmation, and particularly describing the place to be searched, and the person and things to be seized.

Act of Congress September 20, 1776; re-enacted April 10, 1806.

ART. XXXII. Every officer, commanding in quarters, garrison, or on the march, shall keep good order, and to the utmost of his power redress all abuses or disorders which may be committed by any officer or soldier under his command; if upon complaint made to him of officers or soldiers beating or otherwise ill treating any person, or disturbing fairs or markets, or of committing any kind of riots to the disquieting of the citizens of the United States, he, the said commander, who shall refuse or omit to see justice done to the offender or offenders, and reparation made to the party or parties injured, shall, upon proof thereof, be cashiered, or otherwise punished as a General Court Martial shall direct.

ART. LII. Any officer or soldier who shall misbehave himself before the enemy, run away, or shamefully abandon any fort, post or guard which he or they may be commanded to defend, or speak words inducing others to do the like, or shall cast away his arms or ammunition, or shall quit his post or colors to plunder and pillage, every such offender, being duly convicted thereof, shall suffer death, or such other punishment as shall be ordered by the sentence of a General Court Martial.

ART. LIV. All officers and soldiers are to behave themselves orderly in quarters and on their march, and whoever shall commit any waste or spoil, either in walks of trees, parks, warrens, fish-ponds, houses or gardens, corn-fields, inclosures of meadows, or shall maliciously destroy any property whatsoever belonging to the inhabitants of the United States, unless by order of the then Commander-in-Chief of the army of the said States, shall (besides such penalties as they are liable to by law) be punished according to the nature and degree of the offense by the judgment of a Regimental or General Court Martial.

Act of Congress approved March 3, 1863—Conscript Law.

SEC. 30. That in time of war, insurrection or rebellion, murder, assault and battery with intent to kill, manslaughter, mayhem, wounding by shooting or stabbing, with intent to commit murder, robbery, arson, burglary, rape, assault and battery with an intent to commit rape, and larceny, shall be punishable by the sentence of a General Court Martial or a Military Commission, when committed by persons who are in the military service of the United States, and

subject to the Articles of War, and the punishments for such offenses shall never be less than those inflicted by the laws of the State, Territory, or District, in which they may have been committed.

Such are the laws of Congress which all officers are bound to know, and all soldiers are presumed to know, binding on all alike, no matter of what rank or degree.

2. The Government of the United States is essentially one of *law*, and the army peculiarly a part of the *executive*. Every person who enters the army swears to "obey the orders of the President of the United States and the officers appointed over him, according to the Rules and Articles of War."

He is paid, clad, fed, and provided for in all ways by the United States, and his whole time belongs to the Government.

He cannot therefore engage in any business or trade, or acquire property by or through his connection with the army.

All the work of his hands and the fruits of his labor belong to the United States. It is for this reason that the world so properly stamps as infamous the attempts of officers and men who obtain cotton, horses, mules, furniture, or anything during war.

Should any private property be taken in war it belongs at once to the United States, and the party who has taken it is bound to deliver it to a Quartermaster or accounting officer of the Government, and if the taking is wrongful, he is moreover liable to trial and punishment for pillage and plunder under the 52d Article of War, or for larceny under the act of Congress of March 3, 1863.

The true and only rule is, that the individual officer or soldier can take, from friend or enemy, nothing. The United States, by the President or his representative, the commanding officer, (see Art. LIV,) takes what is necessary to carry on war, of which he must be sole judge. He may destroy houses, railroads, bridges, anything or everything, and may carry away horses, mules, wagons, forage, provisions, or anything he may deem proper and necessary.

This is the act of the United States and not of the individual, and the United States holds the commanding officer to an account, that such property is used exclusively for public benefit, and accounted for like other public property which is purchased and paid for.

It is impossible for a Commanding General to be present everywhere, and therefore he must delegate this important trust to some subordinate. In the 15th Army Corps I have ordered, and now

renew the order, when any corps acts separate from others, or I am in command of the whole, that Division and Brigade Quartermasters and Commissaries—and no others—while operating in an enemy's country and distant from our supplies, may take corn, fodder, and forage generally, cattle, hogs, sheep, and meat generally, and when the necessity is urgent, may take carriages to carry the sick or wagons to carry baggage, but in all such cases a proper receipt must be given to the owner or agent in possession, signed with the official name of the officer responsible, and the articles so taken must be accounted for on his property return as though "purchased."

All officers should respect the demands of common humanity, and leave with each family enough to subsist on for a reasonable time, as otherwise we are compelled to furnish them again with the actual necessaries of life.

3. In war the destruction of dwelling houses, barns, fences, &c., along a line of march, is only justifiable when they afford immediate shelter to an enemy, or a dangerous cover from which to fire on us. Of this the commander of the leading brigade or division engaged should judge.

No officer but the Commander-in-Chief can destroy houses to produce some future effect, or to fulfill some remote war policy, and then he should appoint a special detail to execute his orders.

Any commander can at any time let down fences when he deems it necessary to deploy his troops, or to open roads.

Rails or fencing material can be used for repairing roads and bridges, and also for firewood when other fuel is not convenient.

To rob the interior of a dwelling of books, papers, pictures, clothing, dishes, and furniture is disgraceful to us all; leads to resentment, lowers the self respect of the army, and detracts from its honorable character.

Commanders of Divisions and Brigades may order the materials of barns, cotton-gins, stables, outhouses, and fences to be used to make shelters for men in inclement weather, but soldiers should never take these materials without first obtaining the orders of the proper commanders.

In all cases when such materials are taken, written receipts or certificates of the quantity and value should be tendered the owner, which will entitle him to compensation, when Congress makes provisions for such payment.

4. The army being the physical power used by our national Government to enforce its laws and decrees, its officers and soldiers should set the example of obedience. A disorderly, factious, and ungoverned army is not calculated to impress a people in a state of rebellion with proper respect for our cause and Government, and if we demand absolute obedience from them, we should ourselves first show obedience to our own laws and authorities.

If the people of the South unfortunately should mistake our forbearance and presume on it, the Commanding General can lawfully and speedily by one word undeceive them, and let them feel the terrible effects of an army let loose with orders to retaliate or to take vengeance.

We are not armed solely to subdue a rebellion in the South, but to "serve the United States against all their enemies and opposers whomsoever." Some of us are engaged in pursuing and punishing Indians who have disturbed the peace of our frontier settlements; others in chasing pirates and freebooters on the high seas; others in destroying mobs who have set up their crude opinions over the laws of Congress; and still others are distributed throughout the land to compel by force obedience to the decrees of our courts and civil tribunals, whilst we happen to be in the heart of a country torn by civil war and upheaved by a mighty and terrible rebellion.

But all are engaged in the same common cause, viz: maintaining the dignity and authority of the United States. When, as in time of peace, the civil authority can be vindicated by sheriffs, marshals, and constables of the courts, the army would not be justified in interfering, but when foreign wars or internal strife produce combinations too powerful to be overcome by the ordinary machinery of civil government, then the Executive is bound by his oath of office to call upon the army and navy of the nation. These are living, intelligent hands, by which he enforces the public law, and we derive our rightful power by delegation from him, or through the laws of Congress or the common laws of war, which are nothing more than customs long sanctioned and respected by all civilized nations.

All these vest the army with the rightful power to take life, destroy property, and use violence to produce the end demanded by the Government. But, as in the case of the sheriff charged with the execution of a writ or mandate of a court, we must only use that amount of force and violence demanded by the occasion and no more.

5. Every officer who accepts a commission in the army accepts a high trust. He is bound to study his profession, and not only acquaint himself with the drill, which is merely the machinery of his trade, and the regulations which enable him to feed, clothe, and provide for his men, but to learn the laws of his country, and of other countries, that he may use the physical power intrusted to his care, and apply it to the uses designated by his Government. If he sits down in ignorance and idleness, drawing his pay and consuming the resources of his country without an adequate return of labor and service, he is guilty, not only of a high misdemeanor, but a breach of trust.

Any officer who goes along and shuts his ears and eyes to the fact that his command, instead of executing the well known laws and orders of his Government, are engaged in violating them, is as culpable as the one who engages directly in these criminal or mischievous acts. Ignorance but adds to the criminality, and it is for this good reason, that Colonels of regiments and Captains of companies are, in all well regulated armies, held absolutely responsible for the conduct of their men. The law gives them the rightful and physical power of keeping their men under their very eyes, and if they neglect to use this power, they are guilty of a wrong act, and cannot plead it in extenuation of some other wrong naturally arising from it.

A commissioned officer cannot set up a want of "Orders" to excuse him for neglects and disorders occurring within the sphere of his command. He is at all times vested with the lawful power to suppress *all* "abuses and disorders," (see 32d Article of War,) and it is made his duty, under severe penalties, to use the power thus vested in him.

The Army of the United States, instead of being, as some ignorant men conceive, an instrument of tyranny, is, in fact, the most perfect machine which the wisdom of man ever devised.

From the private soldier to the Commander-in-Chief each has his position, duties, and responsibilities clearly defined, so that any man of ordinary intelligence may understand. Should he be wronged, he has his redress, (see Articles of War 34 and 35,) and in the execution of his office and duties, he has, in his immediate superior, one who is intrusted with the power to sustain him in all cases of doubt and uncertainty. Whatever imperfections exist in this

machine arise from the common imperfections and passions of human nature, against which no wisdom can guard; and even here comes in the final rule to which all human beings *must* submit: "That the inferior in rank must submit to the superior, even if wrong, because of the necessity of the case," trusting that time, which rectifies all wrongs, will bring its remedy in due course of nature.

The Commanding General, in laying down these general principles, invites all officers in his corps to reflect and study them; and he hopes that therefrom the 15th Army Corps will, in time, become renowned, not only for the more dazzling feats of arms, but for that respect and subordinate faith in the laws and constituted authorities of our Government which will give it stability and tend to make it eternal.

W. T. SHERMAN,

Major General Commanding.

GENERAL ORDERS	}	HEADQUARTERS,
No. 66.		FIFTEENTH ARMY CORPS, <i>Camp on Big Black, August 11, 1863.</i>

I...The General commanding announces the following as the result of the examination a few days since:—

Recommended to the Secretary of War for immediate appointment as Cadets at West Point—

1. Sergeant Luke Clarke, 13th Regulars.
2. Corporal Charles L. Arnold, Company "A," 1st Illinois Artillery.
3. Private Horace S. Callendar, 26th Iowa.
4. Drummer Jacob E. Goodman, 116th Illinois.
5. Corporal Clinton B. Sears, 95th Ohio.
6. Sergeant Major John D. Moore, 53d Ohio.

This resulted from the merits of the parties, and gives one to the Regulars, one to the Artillery, and one to each of the four divisions of Infantry.

II...The following names were also sent to the Secretary of War as worthy of appointments in case of any new vacancies:—

1. Private William E. Griffith, 13th Regulars.
2. Sergeant Major Thomas E. Lonergan, 90th Illinois.
3. Private William H. Stewart, 30th Ohio.

4. Samuel J. Ford, 47th Illinois.
5. Frank Hamilton, 6th Iowa.
6. Thomas G. Troxel, 25th Iowa.

III...The first six named will prepare to go to West Point as soon as appointments come, the other six will depend on the favor of the Government.

The General commanding announces that he is always ready and willing to advance the interests of any soldier of his command, and urges on all, especially the young, to prepare themselves for advancement to the highest grades in the service, as all are open to the ambitious, the industrious and worthy soldiers who do their duty like men.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

R. M. SAWYER,
Assistant Adjutant General.

SPECIAL ORDERS } HEADQUARTERS,
No. 159. } FIFTEENTH ARMY CORPS,
Camp near Black River, August 11, 1863.

(*Extract.*)

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II...The 2d Wisconsin Cavalry will move along the west bank of Big Black River, past Baldwin's Ferry, and take post at Red Bone Church, from which place the commanding officer will report to Major General McPherson, commanding 17th Army Corps, for instructions.

III...Brigadier General J. A. J. Lightburn, commanding 2d Division, will detach one regiment for picket duty between Mrs. Brook's house and the Amsterdam farm during the absence of the Cavalry.

The commanding officer will report in person at these Headquarters for instructions.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

R. M. SAWYER,
Assistant Adjutant General.

HEADQUARTERS,

FIFTEENTH ARMY CORPS,

Camp near Black River, August 13, 1863.

[CIRCULAR.]

Such cotton, marked C. S. A., as may be in the vicinity of the camps of this command will be collected under the direction of the Division Commanders and forwarded through the Quartermaster's Department, invoiced to Mr. Montrose, Special Agent of the Treasury Department at Vicksburg.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

R. M. SAWYER,

Assistant Adjutant General.

GENERAL ORDERS }
No. 69. }

HEADQUARTERS,
FIFTEENTH ARMY CORPS,
Camp on Black River, August 30, 1863.

From and after September 1, the following disposition of the divisions of this corps is ordered:—

1. The 1st Division will hold the position at the railroad bridge, with patrols, scouts, &c., visiting the country down as far as Hall's Ferry.

Division drill with Infantry and Artillery on Tuesdays, subject to inspection by the Commanding General, at 4 P. M.

2. The 2d Division will guard the Black River at Amsterdam and Bridgeport, and otherwise act as a general reserve, keeping up easy communication with Bovina, Tiffin and Wixon's. Division drill of Artillery and Infantry on Wednesdays, subject to general inspection at 4 P. M.

3. The 3d Division will guard the line of Bear Creek, with our brigade at Oak Ridge. Headquarters near Tribble's, and scouts scouring the country between the Yazoo and Black Rivers.

Drills by brigades or divisions on Thursdays, subject to inspection, without previous notice, at 4 P. M.

4. The 4th Division will guard the Big Black from Bridgeport up to the mouth of Bear Creek. Headquarters near Messenger's.

Division drills on Fridays ready for inspection by the Commanding General at 4 P. M.

The 4th Brigade, 4th Division, having only two regiments, is hereby broken up, on the 1st of September, and the following assignments made, to take effect as soon as that brigade is relieved at Oak Ridge by one from the 3d Division :—

The 6th Iowa to the 2d Brigade.

The 48th Illinois to the 3d Brigade.

5. Until the return to this command of the many general officers belonging to it, the senior officer present for duty will command the several divisions and brigades, and will be held accountable for the drill, instruction and records.

Besides the daily guard mounting and parade, the roll-calls prescribed by regulations, and drills, heretofore ordered, Division Commanders will give special attention to the arms, ammunition and equipments of their commands, and see that all things, material to the service, are now procured. A system of book instruction should be instituted in all the brigades, that the officers and men now on duty may become qualified to impart proper instructions to all recruits and conscripts, to which we are entitled to fill our ranks.

We have now passed safely the hot and sickly season of Mississippi, and can safely go to work.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

R. M. SAWYER,

Assistant Adjutant General.

GENERAL ORDERS }
No. 71. }

HEADQUARTERS,
FIFTEENTH ARMY CORPS,
Camp on Big Black, September 22, 1863.

I...The 1st Division, Brigadier General Osterhaus commanding, will move his entire division with camp equipage and transportation into Vicksburg, with all dispatch, using the railroad and marching by land into Vicksburg, and there embark for such destination as may be given him by the Commanding General of the Department.

General Osterhaus will report forthwith by telegraph to the Commanding General of the Department the earliest hour at which he can reach the river, that boats may be in waiting for his command.

II...Brigadier General Giles A. Smith, commanding the 2d Division, will send forthwith one brigade of his division to the bridge, to guard and hold that point, relieving General Osterhaus this afternoon.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

R. M. SAWYER,
Assistant Adjutant General.

GENERAL ORDERS } HEADQUARTERS,
No. 74. } FIFTEENTH ARMY CORPS,
Camp on Black River, September 25, 1863.

The 2d and 4th Divisions of this Corps will be held in readiness to embark for Memphis, and move thence to the interior.

The sick and surplus baggage will be at once moved to Black River railroad bridge, and thence by rail to Vicksburg to the levee, below the steamboat landing.

The Quartermaster's Department will furnish the necessary transportation.

The troops will be prepared to strike camp at a moment's notice, and march to Vicksburg for embarkation.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

R. M. SAWYER,
Assistant Adjutant General.

GENERAL ORDERS } HEADQUARTERS,
No. 75. } FIFTEENTH ARMY CORPS,
Camp on Black River, Miss., Sept. 26, 1863.

I...The 2d Brigade, 3d Division of this Corps, Brigadier General J. A. Mower commanding, will at once relieve the 2d Brigade, 2d Division, Colonel O. Malmbourg commanding, at Black River railroad bridge.

II...The Cavalry Brigade, commanded by Colonel W. R. M. Wallace, will take post at or near Messenger's Ford, and report to Brigadier General Tuttle, commanding 3d Division, for orders.

III...Brigadier General J. M. Tuttle, commanding 3d Division, will have charge of the line of Black River, and will report by letter to Major General James B. McPherson, commanding 17th Army Corps, Vicksburg, for instructions.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

R. M. SAWYER,

Assistant Adjutant General.

GENERAL ORDERS }
No. 76. }

HEADQUARTERS,

FIFTEENTH ARMY CORPS,

Camp on Big Black, September 26, 1863.

I...Colonel Winslow will organize a force of about 1,000 men to move *via* Brownsville, Vernon, and Benton, and to return *via* Yazoo City and Mechanicsville, to start to-morrow evening.

Special instructions to be given the commander, who will report in person to the Commanding General.

II...General Buckland will send two regiments of Infantry forward on the Benton road to await the arrival of the Cavalry.

III...General Corse will send a brigade of Infantry with three days' rations to-morrow to the church on the Jackson road. When the Cavalry passes there they will follow to Brownsville, to remain until time is allowed for the Cavalry to reach Vernon, when they will return to camp and follow the motions of their division.

IV...This move is designed to clear our north front before moving up the river, and during the time it occupies, camps will be disposed as follows :—

General Tuttle's Headquarters where these Headquarters now are, and the camp of the 4th Iowa Cavalry near by.

General Buckland's Brigade at Oak Ridge.

Colonel Geddes' Brigade at or near Tribble's.

General Mower's Brigade at railroad bridge, and all the Cavalry, except 4th Iowa, at Messenger's.

V...Colonel Winslow, 4th Iowa Cavalry, is announced as Chief of Cavalry, and his orders will be obeyed by all the Cavalry forces now attached to this command.

VI...No Cavalry will accompany the movement up the river except the detachment of Thieleman's Cavalry attached to the 2d Division.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

R. M. SAWYER,

Assistant Adjutant General.

SPECIAL ORDERS } HEADQUARTERS,
 No. 185. } FIFTEENTH ARMY CORPS,
Camp on Black River, Miss., Sept. 26, 1863.

(*Extract.*)

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II...The 8th Ohio Battery, Captain Putnam commanding, is hereby transferred from the 2d to the 3d Division of this Corps, and the commanding officer thereof will report to Brigadier General J. M. Tuttle, commanding 3d Division, for orders.

III...The 2d Division of this Corps will march early to-morrow morning to Vicksburg, and embark on board the steamboats provided by the Quartermaster, and there await further orders.

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By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

R. M. SAWYER,
Assistant Adjutant General.

SPECIAL ORDERS } HEADQUARTERS,
 No. 186. } FIFTEENTH ARMY CORPS,
Memphis, Tenn., October 3, 1863.

I...The 2d Division, Brigadier General G. A. Smith commanding, will move at once by railroad to Corinth, and there await further orders.

II...The 4th Division, Brigadier General John M. Corse commanding, on its arrival at this place will proceed at once by railroad to Corinth, and there await further orders.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

R. M. SAWYER,
Assistant Adjutant General.

GENERAL ORDERS } HEADQUARTERS,
 No. 77. } FIFTEENTH ARMY CORPS,
Memphis, October 6, 1863.

I...In order to relieve the railroad, now overtaxed, a train will be made up of all wagons, teams, mules, &c., capable of travel, to move early on Thursday morning for some rendezvous on the outskirts of Memphis, say the old camp of the 8th Missouri on the Poplar Street Road.

The Chief Quartermaster of the Corps will cause all the general and division wagons to form part of this train, and Commanders of Divisions, Brigades, and Regiments will send all wagons and horses that can possibly be spared. Wagons will carry no loads save the necessary forage for the animals and six days' rations and cooking utensils of the teamsters and escort.

This grand train will be escorted by one battery of Artillery and about 1,500 Infantry, to ride in the wagons, and the 3d U. S. Regular Cavalry and Thieleman's Battalion.

The Infantry and Battery will be detailed by the Commanding General of the 2d Division, who will appoint some good Colonel to command the whole. All the baggage can be sent to Corinth in advance by the railroad.

The officer designated to conduct this train will report in person to the Commanding General for maps and special instructions.

II...The utmost expedition must now be used to reach Corinth with all the Corps and its equipment by Sunday next, the 4th Division to bring up the rear. All officers are advised to leave their surplus baggage, likely to encumber the march and overload the wagons, in Memphis, and store the same with some merchant or the U. S. Quartermaster, to come forward to us in the future by rail or the Tennessee River, according to circumstances.

All property, whether private or public, so left, will be properly marked and secured.

The Chief Quartermaster, Colonel Smith, will facilitate all such storage at the expense of the United States.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

R. M. SAWYER,
Assistant Adjutant General.

SPECIAL ORDERS } HEADQUARTERS,
No. 188. } FIFTEENTH ARMY CORPS,
Memphis, Tenn., October 6, 1863.

(*Extract.*)

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III...1st Lieutenant J. C. Audenried, 6th U. S. Cavalry, is hereby announced as Aide-de-Camp to the General commanding. He will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

IV...Captain H. S. Fitch, Quartermaster's Department, having reported in person, is hereby attached to the General's Staff, and will act as Provost Marshal and Judge Advocate for the Corps. All prisoners of war and all charges and specifications will be sent to him for his examination and orders.

V...2d Lieutenant Frederick J. James, 3d U. S. Cavalry, is hereby announced as a member of the General's Staff, and will act as Ordnance officer.

He will at once enter on his duties, and on consultation with the Chief of Artillery, Major Taylor, will cause to be sent to Corinth a full supply of ammunition for the field batteries and small arms of the Corps.

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By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

R. M. SAWYER,

Assistant Adjutant General.

SPECIAL ORDERS }
No. 192. }

HEADQUARTERS,
FIFTEENTH ARMY CORPS,
Memphis, Tenn., October 10, 1863.

(*Extract.*)

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II...1st. Brigadier General Corse, now in command of 4th Division, will put the division in motion to-morrow toward Corinth, together with his wagons, animals of all kinds, and Artillery, leaving proper details with the regimental baggage and the knapsacks of the men to be transported out by rail.

He will carry in his wagons only ten days' rations and necessary cooking utensils, so the wagons may afford incidental carriage to the weary and footsore.

The Chief Quartermaster, Colonel Smith, will make arrangements to have transported to Corinth the baggage of the 4th Division by railroad.

2d. On arrival at Corinth, General Corse will receive new orders, but in the event of any accident he will close up on the rear of the corps wherever it may be.

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By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

R. M. SAWYER,

Assistant Adjutant General.

GENERAL ORDERS } HEADQUARTERS,
 No. 80. } FIFTEENTH ARMY CORPS,
 Corinth, Miss., October 16, 1863.

The following is announced as the organization of the Corps on its present expedition:—

- Major General W. T. Sherman in command.
- Major General F. P. Blair, second in command.
- 1st Division, General P. J. Osterhaus commanding.
- 2d Division, General Morgan L. Smith commanding.
- 3d Division, General John E. Smith commanding.
- 4th Division, General Hugh Ewing commanding.

Each Division Commander will proceed forthwith to prepare for an onward march, providing all possible means of transportation. But the railroad will afford means of heavy carriage for some days to come.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman:

R. M. SAWYER,
Assistant Adjutant General.

SPECIAL ORDERS } HEADQUARTERS,
 No. 196. } FIFTEENTH ARMY CORPS,
 Corinth, Miss., October 16, 1863.

(*Extract.*)

1. The 2d Division, General Morgan L. Smith, will move tomorrow forward to close up on General Osterhaus, passing John E. Smith's Division. The absent regiments will follow by the road or by cars, as the case may require.

This division will move from its camp on Clear Creek, following roads south of the railroad.

2. A wagon train of 200 wagons will be dispatched by roads north of the railroad, under escort of the 5th Ohio Cavalry, and 100 wagons delivered to General John E. Smith, at Burnsville, and 100 to General Osterhaus, at or beyond Iuka.

3. The 1st Division, General Osterhaus, will cross Bear Creek, and cause the railroad bridge to be repaired, so that our heavy stores can be carried by rail to any suitable place east of Bear Creek.

4. When the whole column is put in motion it will be in the order of 1st, 2d, 3d, and 4th Division, till the head of column reaches the Tennessee River opposite Florence.

Staff and other officers will make their dispositions accordingly.

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By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

R. M. SAWYER,
Assistant Adjutant General.

SPECIAL ORDERS } HEADQUARTERS,
No. 197. } FIFTEENTH ARMY CORPS,
Corinth, Miss., October 17, 1863.

(*Extract.*)

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II...Major General F. P. Blair will proceed to Iuka and take command of the 1st and 2d Divisions, and the Cavalry force, composed of the 3d Regulars and 5th Ohio. He will load his wagons lightly, and push across Bear Creek, and up to Tuscumbia, securing from destruction as much of the railroad as possible, that it may be repaired by the troops following.

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By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

R. M. SAWYER,
Assistant Adjutant General.

SPECIAL ORDERS } HEADQUARTERS,
No. 198. } FIFTEENTH ARMY CORPS,
Iuka, October 20, 1863.

(*Extract.*)

I...General Ewing, commanding 4th Division, will take command of all matters in and near Iuka.

He will keep one regiment constantly on duty at the depot, maintaining order, loading and unloading cars with the utmost promptitude, and will impress the labor of every straggler and idler about the depot, and convalescents, where labor more or less will do them no harm.

In concert with the Chief Quartermaster, Commissary and railroad agents, he will see that the utmost dispatch is used in expediting the work of the cars.

He will dispatch General Corse with one regiment and three days' rations in wagons to Eastport to reconnoitre, and with instructions to collect forage and meat; to find and collect at Eastport all boats in and near the mouth of Bear Creek, and secure them for our future use.

At or before the end of three days General Corse will report back to these Headquarters the result of his observations.

II...Captain W. L. B. Jenney will trace out on the ground a redoubt, of a development of say 500 yards, to the south and west of the depot, commanding the depot, side track, &c., of railroad, as also one or other of the springs of water. He will make the profiles and initiate the work, so that those who come after us may complete it.

III...The Medical Director will select one or more good buildings for hospitals, to receive sick and wounded men. The limits of these must be clearly marked, and convalescents or the sick must be kept to these limits, or else be impressed for work.

IV...As a general policy, citizens should go away and stay. The Provost Marshal General will register all who cannot leave Iuka, and explain to them that they must keep close or suffer the penalty of expulsion. Those living in the country must stay at home. Any citizen found lurking about the town or railroad will be sent to Memphis or put in the work gang.

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By order of Major General W. T. Sherman:

R. M. SAWYER,

Assistant Adjutant General.

DEPARTMENT AND ARMY OF THE TENNESSEE.

GENERAL ORDERS }
No. 1. }

HEADQUARTERS,
DEPARTMENT AND ARMY OF THE TENNESSEE,
Iuka, Miss., October 24, 1863.

I...Pursuant to General Orders No. 2, from Headquarters Military Division of the Mississippi, Louisville, Ky., of date October 19, 1863, the undersigned hereby assumes command of the Department and Army of the Tennessee.

II...Major R. M. Sawyer, Assistant Adjutant General, is announced as Chief of Staff.

W. T. SHERMAN,
Major General.

GENERAL ORDERS }
No. 2. }

HEADQUARTERS,
DEPARTMENT AND ARMY OF THE TENNESSEE,
Iuka, Miss., October 25, 1863.

I...The General commanding the Department and Army of the Tennessee hereby announces the following subdivisions of his command:—

1st. The 15th Army Corps, Major General F. P. Blair. Headquarters in the field.

2d. The 16th Army Corps, Major General S. A. Hurlbut, composed, as at present, of all the troops now at Memphis, Columbus, Corinth, and along the railroad, and of Kimball's Division, temporarily detached. Headquarters, for the present, at Memphis.

3d. The 17th Army Corps, Major General J. B. McPherson, composed, as at present, of all the troops now serving at Natchez, Vicksburg, and in the State of Mississippi, south of the Tallahatchie. Headquarters, Vicksburg.

II...The Corps Commanders will forthwith arrange garrisons for the fortified points in their respective districts, and will organize into proper brigades and divisions all other troops ready for offensive operations.

III...All officers in command of corps and of fixed military posts will assume the very highest powers allowed by the laws of war and Congress. They must maintain the best possible discipline, and

repress all disorders, alarms and dangers in their reach. Citizens who fail to support their Government have no right to ask favor and protection ; but if they actively assist us in vindicating the national authority, all commanders will assist them and their families in every possible way.

Officers need not meddle with matters of trade and commerce, which by law devolve on the officers of the Treasury Department ; but, whenever they discover goods “contraband of war” being conveyed towards the public enemy, they will seize all the goods tainted by the transaction, and imprison the parties implicated in the matter, but care must be taken to make a full record and report of each case.

When a district is infested by guerillas, or held by the enemy, horses, mules, wagons, corn, forage, &c., are all means of war, and can be freely taken, but must be accounted for as public property.

If the people do not want their horses, corn, &c., taken, they must organize and repress all guerilla or hostile bands in their neighborhood.

IV...It is represented that officers, provost marshals and others in the military service, are engaged in business or speculation on their own account, and that they charge fees for passes, permits, &c. All this is a breach of honor and of law. Any salaried officer of the military service owes every hour of his time, every thought of his mind, to his Government, and if he makes one cent of profit beyond his pay he is corrupt and criminal. All officers and soldiers in this Department are hereby commanded to engage in no business whatever save their sworn duty to their Government.

V...Every man should be with his proper corps, division, brigade, and regiment, unless absent *sick* or *wounded*, or *detached* by written order of a competent commander.

Soldiers when so absent must have their descriptive rolls, and when not provided with them the presumption is they are improperly absent.

Mustering officers will see that all absentees, not away by the written order of their proper commander, are reported on the muster rolls as deserters, that they may lose their pay, bounty, and pensions, which a generous Government and people have provided for the soldiers and officers who have done their whole duty. The best

hospitals in the world are provided for the wounded and sick, but these must not be made the receptacles for absentees, who seek to escape the necessary exposure and dangers of a soldier's life. Whenever it is possible, citizens must be employed as nurses, cooks, attendants, stewards, &c., to hospitals, in order that the enlisted men may be, where they belong, with their regiments. Medical Inspectors will attend to this at once.

The General commanding announces that he expects the wounded and sick to have every care possible, but this feeling must not be abused to the injury of the only useful part of the army—"the soldier in the field."

VI...In time of war and rebellion, districts of country occupied by our troops are subject to the laws of war. The inhabitants, be they friendly or unfriendly, must submit to the controlling power. If any person in an insurgent district corresponds or trades with an enemy outside, he or she becomes a spy. And all the inhabitants, moreover, must not only abstain from hostile or unfriendly acts, but must aid and assist the power that protects them and affords them trade and commerce.

The people who occupy this Department had better make a note of this and conduct themselves accordingly.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman:

R. M. SAWYER,
Assistant Adjutant General.

SPECIAL ORDERS }
No. 1. }

HEADQUARTERS,
DEPARTMENT AND ARMY OF THE TENNESSEE,
Iuka, Miss., October 25, 1863.

I...1. Colonel S. G. Hicks, 40th Illinois, will proceed with dispatch to Paducah, Kentucky, and assume command of that post. He will take with him Lieutenant A. F. Taylor, Regimental Quartermaster of the same regiment.

2. Colonel Hicks, on arrival, will dispatch to Florence, Tennessee, the 111th Illinois, now at Paducah, if it has not already gone, and will call on the commanding officer at Columbus or Cairo for three (3) companies, to garrison and hold the fort at Paducah.

3. Colonel Hicks will give personal attention to the boats passing up and down the Tennessee, to see that dispatch is used, and that no contraband trade is carried on from that quarter.

4. Any citizen in or near Paducah who attempts to create disorder, alarm, or danger to the peace and quiet of the neighborhood will be promptly imprisoned and reduced to subjection.

II...The entire 4th Division, 15th Army Corps, will be prepared to start to-morrow for Eastport, to cross the river and advance to Florence, with ten days' rations in their wagons.

III...Fuller's Brigade of the 16th Corps will relieve with one (1) regiment the brigade now at Burnsville, and with the rest take post at Iuka till further orders.

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VI...Major General F. P. Blair will assume command of the 15th Army Corps.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

R. M. SAWYER,
Assistant Adjutant General.

SPECIAL ORDERS }
No. 2. }

HEADQUARTERS,
DEPARTMENT AND ARMY OF THE TENNESSEE,
Iuka, Miss., October 26, 1863.

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II...Captain O. H. Howard, Chief Signal Officer Department of the Tennessee, having reported for duty, will distribute his officers equally among the 15th, 16th, and 17th Corps, and will himself, with an assistant and two field signal apparatus, report at Headquarters of the Department in the field.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

R. M. SAWYER,
Assistant Adjutant General.

SPECIAL ORDERS }
 No. 3. }

HEADQUARTERS,
 DEPARTMENT AND ARMY OF THE TENNESSEE,
Iuka, October 27, 1863.

I...General Dodge's Division and Fuller's Brigade, of the 16th Army Corps, will be forthwith fitted out for field service, and will move east of Corinth, hold, for the time being, Iuka and Bear Creek, and the moment the command is fitted for the field will move forward and report to Headquarters, wherever they may be.

Major General Hurlbut will make all necessary orders and dispositions to carry this into effect.

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By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

R. M. SAWYER,
Assistant Adjutant General.

GENERAL ORDERS }
 No. 4. }

HEADQUARTERS,
 DEPARTMENT AND ARMY OF THE TENNESSEE,
Iuka, Miss., October 28, 1863.

I...This Department being an insurrectionary district, and the execution of the laws of the United States being resisted by armed rebels, every citizen is liable to be called on for military service, and, if so called on, must render it.

II...Every commanding officer of a fixed military post, or of an organized brigade or division of the army in the field, may impress any citizen whatever, and may compel his services in any of the old organized regiments or companies. If the party so impressed be a conscript, according to the laws of Congress, his name will be properly enrolled by the Provost Marshal General, and he will be entitled to all the pay, bounty and allowances provided by law; but if the individual is not enrolled on the proper lists his services will be *compelled* till such time as he is no longer needed, when he will be dismissed. During the period of such forced service the individual will be entitled to rations and clothing, but no compensation, in the nature of a *posse comitatus* called out by an United States Marshal.

III...Every officer making such forced levies will report the same, with lists, to the Provost Marshal General of this Department, to be filed with the Provost Marshal General at Washington, D. C., and

will assign them by Special Order to old regiments and companies. Their names will be borne on the muster-rolls of the companies to which they are attached, with a remark explanatory of the nature of the service, its beginning and ending.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

R. M. SAWYER

Assistant Adjutant General.

SPECIAL ORDERS }
No. 4. }

HEADQUARTERS,
DEPARTMENT AND ARMY OF THE TENNESSEE,
Iuka, Miss., October 28, 1863.

I...All the convalescents and sick belonging to the 15th Army Corps, who can possibly be moved, will be sent to Florence, Alabama, *via* Waterloo.

Surgeons and Quartermasters will at once take the necessary steps to carry out the provisions of this order.

II...The Ordnance Depot at Corinth will be discontinued, and all surplus stores not needed by the actual garrison will be moved into Memphis.

Lieutenant Parker, Chief of Ordnance of the Department, will send a reserve supply of ammunition for the troops moving eastward from Memphis round to the Tennessee River, to lie under protection of a gunboat at the head of navigation till further orders.

The Quartermaster will furnish a light draft boat for such purpose.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

R. M. SAWYER,

Assistant Adjutant General.

SPECIAL ORDERS }
No. 5. }

HEADQUARTERS,
DEPARTMENT AND ARMY OF THE TENNESSEE,
Waterloo, Ala., October 30, 1863.

1. Pursuant to instructions of the General commanding the Division of the Mississippi, the 15th Army Corps and the command of General Dodge will cross the Tennessee with as much expedition as possible, and move east *via* Florence, Hunsville, &c., to meet further orders.

2. Eastport will be considered the head of navigation of the Tennessee for the present, and all transports will be discharged there or held subject to orders.

The marching columns will leave their sick and all incumbrances at Eastport or Waterloo, subject to further orders.

3. General Dodge will designate a regiment to hold Eastport, and will instruct the commanding officer to entrench the position on the hill over the town.

He will detach two guns, with ammunition for the use of the garrison at Eastport.

4. The senior officer of each of the Ordnance, Quartermaster and Commissary Departments, now present with the army, will designate an officer of his Department to remain at Eastport and take charge of the stores of their Departments that may be left there or that may arrive by the river.

5. Colonel Siver will collect all invalids or sick men left behind and organize them at Eastport, and the Ordnance officer will issue to them arms and ammunition on the requisition of Colonel Siver, or whomsoever may have charge of them.

The Medical Director will also designate one or more medical officers to remain with the sick, with the necessary medical supplies.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

R. M. SAWYER,
Assistant Adjutant General.

SPECIAL ORDERS

No. 6.

HEADQUARTERS.

DEPARTMENT AND ARMY OF THE TENNESSEE,
Waterloo, Ala., October 31, 1863.

I...Pursuant to instructions from the General commanding the Military Division of the Mississippi, the 3d Division of the 15th Army Corps, Brigadier General Tuttle commanding, will move at once by boats *via* Cairo and up the Tennessee River, landing opposite Eastport, and push forward *via* Florence to join his proper corps.

The Quartermaster's Department will provide the necessary transportation.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

R. M. SAWYER,
Assistant Adjutant General.

SPECIAL ORDERS }
 No. 9. }

HEADQUARTERS,
 DEPARTMENT AND ARMY OF THE TENNESSEE,
Fayetteville, Tenn., November 10, 1863.

I...The 111th Regiment Illinois Volunteer Infantry is hereby assigned to the 15th Army Corps, Major General F. P. Blair commanding, and will report accordingly.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

R. M. SAWYER,
Assistant Adjutant General.

SPECIAL ORDERS }
 No. 13. }

HEADQUARTERS,
 DEPARTMENT AND ARMY OF THE TENNESSEE.
Bridgeport, Ala., November 18, 1863.

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VI...All prisoners of war, made by the Army of the Tennessee, or in the Department, will, with all possible dispatch, be sent by the nearest route to Cairo, with duplicate lists, and a small guard when necessary. The commanding officer at Cairo, by himself or an officer specially detailed, will receipt for the same, and one copy of the receipt will be sent by the officer in charge to the Commissary General of Prisoners, Washington, D. C.

Attention is called to the Circular of the Commissary General of Prisoners, of date July 7, 1863, which must be strictly complied with.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

R. M. SAWYER,
Assistant Adjutant General.

SPECIAL ORDERS }
 No. 14. }

HEADQUARTERS,
 DEPARTMENT AND ARMY OF THE TENNESSEE,
Near Chattanooga, November 21, 1863.

I...Every available man fit for duty in the 15th Corps, now present, will at once be prepared for an important movement. Each man will carry a blanket or overcoat, three (3) days' rations, and as near one hundred (100) rounds of ammunition as possible, including that in cartridge boxes.

The camps and transportation will be left in charge of those unfit for duty. The ambulances will follow their respective divisions as far as the river, but await further orders before crossing.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

R. M. SAWYER,
Assistant Adjutant General.

HEADQUARTERS,
DEPARTMENT AND ARMY OF THE TENNESSEE,
Near Chattanooga, November 22, 1863.

Operations for Monday, November 23.

The 15th Army Corps, reinforced by one division of the Army of the Cumberland, is to cross the Tennessee at the mouth of East Chickamauga Creek, advance and take possession of the end of Missionary Ridge, viz: from the railroad tunnel to Chickamauga; hold and fortify.

The Army of the Cumberland and General Hooker's command are to assist by direct attack to their front.

Details :

One Brigade, 2d Division, to march to West Chickamauga Creek to man the boats, (120;) to have everything ready, and at midnight to-night (November 22d to 23d) to push out and drift down the Tennessee till one-half ($\frac{1}{2}$) mile above East Chickamauga, where two regiments land and secure the enemy's picket at the mouth of Chickamauga.

The remainder of the brigade will drop down and land below the mouth of Chickamauga, and at once prepare a rifle trench at the summit of the hill.

The whole of the 2d Division will then cross to the north of the Chickamauga, and the 3d Division to the south, each working smart to fortify the ground and to improve the landings.

Both these divisions, each with one good battery, should be across and well covered by break of day, and a pontoon bridge finished across the Chickamauga to connect these two divisions.

The 1st and 4th Divisions will approach the Tennessee by separate ways, one above and the other below the Chickamauga, but keep

out of observation of the enemy till the opposite bank is secure and boats ready to receive them.

This will probably be as early as 7 A. M., when they will be rowed across rapidly and move out.

The 1st Division will cross the Chickamauga and follow it up to near abreast of Missionary Ridge and ascend the hill at its point.

The 4th Division will move out towards Tunnel Hill, keeping connection up with the left division on Chickamauga Creek, which is the guiding flank.

The 3d Division, John E. Smith, will form the centre, and march by column of divisions, ready to deploy forward, direct to the middle hill, keeping up with the left division.

The 2d Division will follow the centre division as soon as relieved by the division of the army of the Cumberland, which will take its place in line or act according to circumstances, not yet foreseen.

General William F. Smith will give all the detailed arrangements for crossing over, and the Commanding General will explain in person to the Division Commanders the ground and maps.

The utmost silence, order and patience must be displayed.

The boats will take their loads from the heads of columns, and the men will resume their places the moment they reach the opposite bank of the Tennessee. Very great care must be taken by Division Commanders, that the routes of march do not cross each other. The 1st and 2d Divisions crossing above Chickamauga, should follow the road up the valley where our camps are, and around north of these Headquarters; the 3d and 4th Divisions can take the direct route by the head of John E. Smith's camp.

Except in case of orders, muskets must not be loaded till the troops are disembarked on the other side of the Tennessee.

Division Commanders of the 2d, 3d and 4th Divisions will each select one battery to accompany the division.

The others will be left in position to cover the crossing under the direction of the Chief of Artillery, who will at once commence to place these batteries, being careful not to stop roads needed by the movement.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

R. M. SAWYER,
Assistant Adjutant General.

SPECIAL ORDERS }
 No. 15. }

HEADQUARTERS,
 DEPARTMENT AND ARMY OF THE TENNESSEE,
Near Chattanooga, November 23, 1863.

Owing to the non-arrival of troops expected, the operations of the 15th Corps, as planned for this morning, are postponed for twenty-four hours.

The instructions issued for this morning will therefore be carried out to-morrow morning with this exception, that in case of the non-arrival of the 1st Division in time, the 2d Division, in addition to the part already assigned, will execute the part laid down for the 1st Division after crossing.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

R. M. SAWYER,
Assistant Adjutant General.

SPECIAL ORDERS }
 No. 16. }

HEADQUARTERS,
 DEPARTMENT AND ARMY OF THE TENNESSEE,
Athens, Tenn., December 1, 1863.

I...The several divisions composing this army in the field will march at dawn of day to-morrow, prepared to make a long and forced march if necessary, on Loudon, keeping well closed up and prepared for any event that may arise.

The march will be in the following order :—

1. The 11th Corps, Major General O. O. Howard commanding.
2. The division commanded by General Jeff C. Davis.
3. The 15th Corps, Major General F. P. Blair, jr., commanding.

II...All the Cavalry belonging to the command will be massed under the command of Colonel Long, and will, at 2 o'clock p. m. to-morrow, be in the column between Generals Howard and Davis, prepared to leave the column and dash forward to secure the bridge at Loudon.

III...The head of the Infantry column will await at Philadelphia, a report from the Cavalry as to the condition of things at Loudon.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

R. M. SAWYER,
Assistant Adjutant General.

SPECIAL ORDERS }
 No. 17. }

HEADQUARTERS,
 DEPARTMENT AND ARMY OF THE TENNESSEE,
Philadelphia, Tenn., December 3, 1863.

The senior commanding officer at Kingston will, after leaving a small force to garrison the place, collect all the troops, Infantry, Cavalry, and Artillery, and push around to Knoxville, with the right flank resting on the Holston, feeling their way cautiously, and covering the steamboat "Chattanooga."

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

R. M. SAWYER,
Assistant Adjutant General.

SPECIAL ORDERS }
 No. 18. }

HEADQUARTERS,
 DEPARTMENT AND ARMY OF THE TENNESSEE,
Maryville, December 6, 1863.

I...The 4th Corps, Major General Gordon Granger commanding, will move to-morrow to Knoxville, Tennessee, reporting to Major General Burnside.

II...The 11th Corps, Major General Howard commanding, will march to-morrow for Athens, Tennessee, *via* Davis' Ford and Sweetwater. General Howard will send a guard to Charleston.

III...The 15th Corps, Major General F. P. Blair, jr., commanding, will march to-morrow for Tellico Plains, *via* Morgantown.

IV...The Division commanded by Brigadier General Jefferson C. Davis will march to-morrow, *via* Madisonville, to Columbus, on the Hiwassee.

V...All the Cavalry now with this army will report to Colonel Long, and march slowly to Tellico Plains, *via* the Ford above Tellico River.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

R. M. SAWYER,
Assistant Adjutant General.

GENERAL ORDERS }
 No. 5. }

HEADQUARTERS,
 DEPARTMENT AND ARMY OF THE TENNESSEE,
Marysville, Tenn., December 7, 1863.

I...Major General John A. Logan, having reported for duty as Commander of the 15th Army Corps, will assume command thereof and enter upon his duties.

II...Major General F. P. Blair, now commanding the Corps, will, with his Assistant Adjutant General and personal staff, proceed to Chattanooga and turn over to General Logan the records of the Corps, when they will be relieved from duty with the Corps and report for orders to Major General Grant, commanding Military Division of the Mississippi.

III...The General commanding avails himself of this opportunity to thank General Blair for the zeal, intelligence, courage and skill, with which he has handled the Corps during the eventful period he has commanded it.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

R. M. SAWYER,
Assistant Adjutant General.

SPECIAL ORDERS }
No. 21. }

HEADQUARTERS,
DEPARTMENT AND ARMY OF THE TENNESSEE,
Charleston, December 15, 1863.

I...The Brigade of Cavalry commanded by Colonel Long, reinforced by the 5th Ohio, Colonel Heath, will take post on the Hiwassee, guarding it as a line looking toward Georgia, more especially the railroad bridge at Charleston. Colonel Long will dispose his forces to that end, and will subsist on the resources of the country till other arrangements are made.

II...The Battalion, 3d U. S. Regular Cavalry, will push forward and overtake the 15th Army Corps at or beyond Cleveland and follow its movements.

III...Colonel Long will open communication by courier with General Grant at Chattanooga, and with General Elliott at Kingston or Loudon. He will relieve the 5th Ohio, which will then proceed to overtake the 15th Army Corps and report to its commander for duty.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

R. M. SAWYER,
Assistant Adjutant General.

SPECIAL ORDERS }
 No. 22. }

HEADQUARTERS,
 DEPARTMENT AND ARMY OF THE TENNESSEE,
Cleveland, Tenn., December 15, 1863.

The troops of this command will move at 7 o'clock A. M. to-morrow in the following order:—

1st. The 11th Corps, Major General Howard commanding, by the road leading through McDaniel's Gap.

2d. The two divisions of the 15th Corps, the 4th Division in the advance, by the road through Julian's Gap.

3d. The division commanded by General Jeff. C. Davis, following the 11th Corps.

Commanding officers of the troops named will report by staff officer to the Commanding General at Ooltawah after the heads of columns have passed the gaps. The columns will be kept well closed up with good rear guards, and care taken that no stragglers are left behind.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

R. M. SAWYER,
Assistant Adjutant General.

GENERAL ORDERS }
 No. 6. }

HEADQUARTERS,
 DEPARTMENT AND ARMY OF THE TENNESSEE,
Ooltawah, Tenn., December 16, 1863.

I...The several divisions composing this army in the field will continue the march early to-morrow, in the order in which they now are, to Chattanooga; the 11th Corps, General Howard, and the division commanded by General Jeff. C. Davis, crossing the Chickamauga by the Stone Bridge, or any other to the east of it, and the divisions of the 15th Corps by the pontoons near the mouth of the Chickamauga. The several commanders on reaching Chattanooga will rejoin the commands to which they belonged prior to the battle of Chattanooga.

II...In thus dissolving the army which fought the left wing of the battle of Chattanooga, and afterwards compelled Longstreet to raise the siege of Knoxville, the General commanding hereby thanks all officers and men for the promptness with which all orders were

obeyed, more especially for the cheerfulness exhibited under privations of the severest kind. Without tents, without rations, with insufficient clothing, almost without shoes, in midwinter, this army sprang with a generous impulse and marched to Knoxville, a distance of one hundred and twenty miles, over the worst of roads, and relieved from danger twelve thousand of our fellow soldiers, besieged by a dangerous enemy, and returned only after General Burnside had asked for partial reinforcements, and that the remainder should return to the more important strategic field of Chattanooga. That all officers and soldiers who have participated in the hardships of this march may feel that their labors were appreciated, the General commanding hereby makes public the letter he received at Knoxville, at the hands of General Burnside, and he takes this method of announcing to this army the thanks which General Burnside so manfully tendered on the part of himself and of his brave garrison:—

“HEADQUARTERS,

“ARMY OF THE OHIO,

“*Knoxville, December 7, 1863.*”

“Major General W. T. SHERMAN, Commanding:

“GENERAL: I desire to express to you and your command my most hearty thanks and gratitude for your promptness in coming to our relief during the siege of Knoxville, and I am satisfied that your approach served to raise the siege.

“The emergency having passed, I do not deem, for the present, any other portion of your command but the Corps of General Granger necessary for operations in this section; and inasmuch as General Grant has weakened the forces immediately with him in order to relieve us, thereby rendering the position of General Thomas less secure, I deem it advisable that all of the troops now here, save those commanded by General Granger, should return at once to within supporting distance of the forces in front of Bragg’s army.

“In behalf of my command I desire again to thank you and your command for the kindness you have done us.

“I am, General, very respectfully,

“Your obedient servant,

“A. E. BURNSIDE,

“*Major General, Commanding.*”

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman:

R. M. SAWYER,
Assistant Adjutant General.

SPECIAL ORDERS }
 No. 23. }

HEADQUARTERS,
 DEPARTMENT AND ARMY OF THE TENNESSEE,
Chattanooga, December 17, 1863.

I...All the officers and troops belonging to the Army of the Tennessee, now serving in the country near Bridgeport and Chattanooga, will move by easy marches to the neighborhood of Bellefonte and Larkinsville; Headquarters at Bellefonte.

II...The two divisions of the 15th Corps, now at Chattanooga, will take charge of the pontoons designed for a bridge across the Tennessee, and will move them down the river to Mud Creek, a few miles above Bellefonte, (stopping at Bridgeport long enough to organize their trains and have the troops paid,) part of the divisions manning the boats and the balance moving by land. The divisions will establish their camps near the boats safely moored up Mud Creek. Each of the divisions will take charge of thirty of the pontoons, and the 1st Battalion, 13th U. S. Infantry, will take charge of ten.

III...Major General John A. Logan, commanding 15th Army Corps, is charged with the execution of this order and will select camps for the several divisions with a view to an easy collection of forage and provisions.

IV...All the forage and provisions in that region of country will be collected and stored under the direction of Division and Brigade Quartermasters and Commissaries.

Such as may be taken from loyal owners will be paid for by formal vouchers, but when taken from rebels or disloyal owners no compensation will be made.

V...The Chief Quartermaster and Commissary of the Department of the Tennessee will make all arrangements for the supply of the troops of all clothing and stores not yielded by the country.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

R. M. SAWYER,
Assistant Adjutant General.

SPECIAL ORDERS }
No. 25.

HEADQUARTERS,
DEPARTMENT AND ARMY OF THE TENNESSEE,
Bridgeport, Ala., December 20, 1863.

I...The 2d Division, 17th Army Corps, Brigadier General John E. Smith commanding, is hereby transferred to the 15th Army Corps, and will be known as the 3d Division of that Corps.

II...The 3d Division of the 15th Army Corps, Brigadier General J. M. Tuttle commanding, is hereby transferred to the 16th Army Corps.

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By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

R. M. SAWYER,
Assistant Adjutant General.

SPECIAL ORDERS }
No. 26.

HEADQUARTERS,
DEPARTMENT AND ARMY OF THE TENNESSEE,
Bridgeport, December 21, 1863.

I...So much of Special Orders No. 23, from these Headquarters, December 17, 1863, as directs that the 1st Battalion, 13th U. S. Infantry, take charge of ten of the pontoon boats, is modified in this respect, viz: the boats will be turned over at this point for the use of the balance of the 15th Corps.

II...The 1st Battalion, 13th U. S. Infantry, is assigned to the 1st Brigade, 2d Division, 15th Army Corps, for purposes of reports and returns, but will be attached to and move with these Headquarters, receiving orders from the General commanding.

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By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

R. M. SAWYER,
Assistant Adjutant General.

SPECIAL ORDERS }
No. 32.

HEADQUARTERS,
DEPARTMENT AND ARMY OF THE TENNESSEE,
Bridgeport, Ala., December 27, 1863.

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IV...1st. Until further orders, an Ordnance Depot for the supply of that portion of this army east of the Tennessee River will be established at Nashville, Tennessee, under the charge of Lieutenant J. H. Hogan, Acting Ordnance officer.

2d. Acting Ordnance officers of divisions will take measures without delay to organize their ammunition trains in accordance with Paragraph 3, General Orders No. 55, from Headquarters Department of the Tennessee.

They will supply themselves with not less than 200 rounds per man of small-arm ammunition, and 300 rounds per gun of Artillery ammunition, for the troops of their respective divisions.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

R. M. SAWYER,

Assistant Adjutant General.

SPECIAL FIELD ORDERS }
No. 6. }

HEADQUARTERS,
DEPARTMENT OF THE TENNESSEE,
Memphis, January 20, 1864.

I...The commanding officer at Memphis may organize the loyal citizens of Memphis into a brigade of four regiments for home or local defense, and may issue to them arms, accoutrements, ammunition, and undress uniforms, to be receipted for and security given for their safe return to the proper authorities on the order of the commanding officer of the post.

II...The Quartermaster may set apart and dedicate to the use of these regiments, as armories or places of rendezvous, suitable buildings, such as cotton sheds, one to each regiment, said buildings to be of those already in possession of the United States by reason of abandonment by disloyal owners. One to be at or near the navy yard, two to be at or near the railroad depot, and the fourth to be at or near Fort Pickering, and the Quartermaster may expend any material now on hand to adapt these buildings to the uses named, viz: armories for the home guards.

III...The troops organized under this order shall be exempt from conscription under Department orders, (but liable of course to the laws of the United States,) unless by neglect of duty they render themselves liable to expulsion from their regiments or commands; they will take the oath of allegiance required of them by law, and sign a written agreement to do such local guard duty, drill, and defense of the city as may be required of them by the Post Commander and the Brigade Commander he may appoint over them, subject to approval of these Department Headquarters.

IV...The Quartermaster and Ordnance officer at Memphis will make the necessary issues under this order on the requisition of the Colonels of regiments, with a bond attached, all to be approved by the Post Commander.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

L. M. DAYTON,
Aide-de-Camp.

SPECIAL FIELD ORDERS } No. 11. }	<hr style="width: 10%; margin: 0 auto;"/> HEADQUARTERS, DEPARTMENT OF THE TENNESSEE, <i>Memphis, Tenn., January 27, 1864.</i> (<i>Extract.</i>)
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I...Major General Hurlbut will, with the command recently organized here, proceed with all dispatch to Vicksburg and move out on the Upper Jackson road to the Big Black, near Messenger's, and prepare a bridge to cross his command to the east. He will then await the arrival of the General commanding.

II...Major General McPherson will move his command, as heretofore ordered, to the Big Black railroad bridge to cross his command to the east. He will leave a covering force at Vicksburg, Haines' Bluff, and the bridge, and will be prepared to move from the Big Black eastward at an hour's notice.

III...The command designated for the field will be lightly equipped; no tents or luggage save what is carried by the officers, men and horses. Wagons must be reserved for food and ammunition, cartridge boxes must be filled full of fresh ammunition, and 100 rounds extra carried along in wagons or on pack animals. Ten days' meat and hard bread, and thirty days' of salt, sugar and coffee will be carried in wagons. Beef cattle will be driven along, and pack animals at the rate of one per company, when practicable, in lieu of wagons.

IV...Artillery will be cut down one-half, and that double teamed; and 200 rounds of ammunition for each gun will suffice but must be carried in caissons belonging to each battery. Artillery carriages must not be loaded down with men or pack, nor must imperfect ammunition be carried along, nor shot wasted at imaginary objects. Chiefs of Artillery will see that each box is inspected, and the heavy Artillery wagons and forges left at the depot.

V...The expedition is one of celerity, and all things must tend to that. Corps Commanders and staff officers will see that our movements are not embarrassed by wheeled vehicles improperly loaded. Not a tent will be carried from the Commander-in-Chief down. The sick must be left behind, and the Surgeons can find houses and sheds for all hospital purposes.

VI...All Cavalry in the Department is placed under the command of Brigadier General W. S. Smith, who will receive special instructions.

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By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

L. M. DAYTON,
Aide-de-Camp.

SPECIAL FIELD ORDERS } HEADQUARTERS,
No. 12. } DEPARTMENT OF THE TENNESSEE,
Memphis, January 27, 1864.

(*Extract.*)

The Memphis and Charleston railroad will be broken up and the locomotives, cars and all the machinery that would be useful to the Nashville and Decatur road will be sent by steamboat to Nashville and delivered to the agent of Mr. Anderson, the Superintendent of the railroads in this Military Division.

II...Two locomotives and ten box cars will be retained in Memphis for the use of supplying the picket stations out on the road.

III...The expenses incurred in the execution of this order will come out of the fund now in the hands of the Quartermaster of the road, but in case they are insufficient, Captain Eddy will provide transportation and funds to complete the change.

IV...General J. D. Webster will superintend the execution of this order and make any further direction necessary to carry out its objects with as much celerity as possible, and will rejoin the General commanding wherever he may be.

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By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

L. M. DAYTON,
Aide de-Camp.

GENERAL ORDERS }
 No. 1. }

HEADQUARTERS,
 DEPARTMENT AND ARMY OF THE TENNESSEE,
Huntsville, Ala., January 30, 1864.

I...Captain D. H. Buel, of the Ordnance Department, is hereby announced as Chief Ordnance Officer of the Department and Army of the Tennessee, *vice* Lieutenant F. H. Parker, relieved.

He will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

II...All acting ordnance officers in the Department will at once report to Captain Buel by letter, stating their duties, when and by whom appointed, &c.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman:

R. M. SAWYER,

Assistant Adjutant General

SPECIAL FIELD ORDERS }
 No. 16. }

HEADQUARTERS,
 DEPARTMENT OF THE TENNESSEE,
In the Field, near Decatur, Miss.,
February 11, 1864.

To expedite our march the following dispositions are ordered to be made during to-morrow, to go into effect the next day, viz., February 13th: To each regiment will be allowed two wagons, one for cartridges and one for bread and cooking utensils, and two ambulances. To each General, Division and Brigade Headquarters, one wagon; all other vehicles will constitute a general train, under escort of one regiment to a division, and one battery, to be designated by General McPherson.

II...The army thus relieved of baggage will further be reduced by all men who are sick and unable to march, who will remain with the wagon train, and will march the next morning early, each regiment followed by its own wagons and ambulances; and Colonels of regiments will see that the wagons are helped through bad places on the road. Each man must carry a full proportion of ammunition and provision for five days, (three days' full rations.)

III...The wagons and escorts thus detached will follow behind the army as far as Chunky River and there await further orders. The army itself will move by Decatur directly on Meridian; and General McPherson will send one regiment of his corps from Decatur, on

the railroad, with instructions to keep abreast of him, and, in its progress, to destroy bridges, culverts, and track of the railroad at the rate of about twelve miles a day.

IV...The Cavalry and mounted officers will carry on their horses the necessary blankets and provision for the ride, and trust to the country for forage.

V...Captain Hickenlooper, of General McPherson's Staff, will organize a strong pioneer and working party, and close up to the Cavalry advance, repairing bridges and roads so as to expedite our march.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

L. M. DAYTON,
Aide-de-Camp.

SPECIAL FIELD ORDERS } HEADQUARTERS,
No. 17. } DEPARTMENT OF THE TENNESSEE,
Meridian, Miss., February 14, 1864.

The destruction of the railroads intersecting at Meridian is of great importance and should be done most effectually. Every tie and rail of iron for many miles in each direction should be absolutely destroyed or injured, and every bridge and culvert completely destroyed. To insure this end, to General Hurlbut is intrusted the destruction east and north, and to General McPherson the roads west and south. The troops should be impressed with the importance of the work, and also that time is material, and therefore it should be begun at once and prosecuted with all the energy possible. Working parties should be composed of about one-half of the commands, and they should move by regiments, provided with their haversacks and arms ready to repel attacks of Cavalry; the other half, in reserve, will be able to watch the enemy now retreating eastward.

II...Colonel Winslow, commanding Cavalry, will keep his Cavalry in advance of the party working eastward, and act as though this army was slowly pursuing the enemy.

III...Special instructions will be given to the general supply train, and the troops now in Meridian will, by proper brigade parties,

collect meal, meat, and supplies. The destruction of buildings must be deferred until the last moment, when a special detail will be made for that purpose.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

L. M. DAYTON,
Aide-de-Camp.

SPECIAL FIELD ORDERS } HEADQUARTERS,
No. 18. } DEPARTMENT OF THE TENNESSEE,
Meridian, Miss., February 15, 1864.

The General commanding conveys his congratulations to the officers and men composing this command for their most successful accomplishment of one of the great problems of the war. Meridian, the great railway centre of the southwest, is now in our possession. and by industry and hard work can be rendered useless to the enemy and deprive him of the chief source of supply for his armies. Secrecy in plan and rapidity of execution accomplish the best results in war, and the General commanding assures all, by following their leaders fearlessly and with confidence, they will in time reap the reward so dear to us all—a peace that will never again be disturbed in our country by a discontented minority.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

L. M. DAYTON,
Aide-de-Camp.

SPECIAL FIELD ORDERS } HEADQUARTERS,
No. 19. } DEPARTMENT OF THE TENNESSEE,
Meridian, Miss., February 15, 1864.

General McPherson will move one division of his command early to-morrow morning southward on the Mobile and Ohio railroad, with instructions to do as much damage to bridges, culverts, and track of the road, and any property of the enemy, including private saw-mills, as far as and including the bridges over the Ochitibeha and Chickasaha Creeks in the neighborhood of Quitman.

II...The officer in command will report back to General McPherson, or the General commanding, promptly, all information gathered respecting the movements of the enemy.

III...Colonel Winslow, commanding Cavalry, will send one regiment of his command to accompany this expedition, the senior

officer reporting for instructions to the officer in command of the division designated by General McPherson in compliance with this order.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

L. M. DAYTON,
Aide-de-Camp.

SPECIAL FIELD ORDERS } No. 20.	}	HEADQUARTERS, DEPARTMENT OF THE TENNESSEE, <i>Meridian, Miss., February 18, 1864.</i>
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I...Having fulfilled, and well, all the objects of the expedition, the troops will return to the Mississippi River to embark in another equally important movement.

II...The 16th Army Corps, Major General Hurlbut's command, and the Cavalry commanded by Colonel Winslow, will march from Marion by way of Union and Hillsboro', and the 17th Corps, Major General McPherson, and the general train from Meridian, by Decatur and Hillsboro', each taking four days in reaching Hillsboro'. At that point each corps will resume charge of its own train, and march by routes to be indicated by the General-in-Chief. The march will begin on the 20th instant, and the Corps Commanders will not pass Union and Decatur until they have communicated with each other by couriers across at those points.

III...Buildings must not be burned on the return march, save by order of the Commanding General of a Corps or Division, unless they are used as a cover to the enemy from which to fire at our men. Then, any commissioned officer may cause them to be destroyed, and report the fact to his Division Commander.

IV...The march should be conducted slow; about fifteen miles per day, and in good order. Foraging parties must be strong and well commanded. There is no seeming danger, but every precaution should be taken against Cavalry dashes at our trains. The wagons should be distributed by brigades along the column and not kept in a single corps train.

V...The General commanding will accompany General Hurlbut's column, and reports will be made accordingly.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

L. M. DAYTON,
Aide-de-Camp.

SPECIAL FIELD ORDERS } HEADQUARTERS,
 No. 21. } DEPARTMENT OF THE TENNESSEE.
 Canton, Miss., February 26, 1864.

The troops composing the expedition will rest at and near Canton until the General commanding can ride to Vicksburg and dispatch back orders for the next movement dependent on the state of affairs since our departure. The following dispositions will be made of the troops:—

1. General Hurlbut will cause the crossing at Big Black to be reconnoitred, and boats and materials collected to build a bridge if ordered or needed.

2. The 18th Corps will occupy the space from Canton to the Big Black on the Yazoo City road; the 17th Corps the space from Canton to Pearl River by the road on which we marched.

3. General McPherson will cause the bridge built on the Pearl River by his pioneers to be guarded till the last moment of its utility to us, when it must be destroyed *in toto*.

4. The Cavalry will take post to the north and east of Canton, and will picket and scout out daily between Pearl and Big Black Rivers at least twenty miles.

II...Corps Commanders will, at the earliest practicable moment, dispatch into Vicksburg, under escort of three or four men entitled to furlough by reason of re-enlistment, all their surplus wagons and captured stock, all sick or wounded men, all prisoners, negroes, and indeed everything that is an impediment or dead weight to the army, retaining only the effective force of soldiers and servants and the necessary transportation for short movements.

III...General Tuttle, commanding at Big Black, will dispatch immediately, under escort of one of his regiments, about sixty (60) wagon loads of *hard bread, salt, sugar and coffee*, in the proportion of the ration, to be divided between the two corps of the army including the Cavalry and Tuttle's Brigade with the 16th Corps. To produce the equality this train will come out by Edwards' Depot, Queen's Hill Church, Brownsville, and Livingston.

IV...General Hurlbut will cause a section of about ten miles of the Mississippi Central railroad, north of and including the bridge over Big Black, to be effectually destroyed, and General McPherson

will cause a similar break at and south of Canton. General McPherson will also cause the locomotives and cars to be utterly destroyed, with powder if necessary.

V...Colonel Winslow will detail a regiment entitled to furlough by reason of re-enlistment to report to the General commanding at 7 A. M. to-morrow, without wagons, and with two days' rations, to escort him to Big Black bridge.

VI...Lieutenant Varney, Acting Aide-de-Camp to Major General J. B. McPherson, will proceed to Vicksburg, Mississippi, as bearer of special verbal instructions, and await the arrival of the General-in-Chief.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

L. M. DAYTON,
Aide-de-Camp.

SPECIAL ORDERS } HEADQUARTERS,
No. 44. } DEPT. AND ARMY OF THE TENNESSEE,
Huntsville, Ala., February 27, 1864.

I...Brigadier General Ellett, commanding Mississippi Marine Brigade, will devote his attention, and that of his command, exclusively to the protection of the planting interest on the Mississippi River.

He is in no case to go below Vicksburg or above Greenville without direct orders from the Department Commander or other officers entitled to issue orders to him.

He is specially required to move from place to place within the limits herein prescribed as his services may be required to give protection.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

R. M. SAWYER,
Assistant Adjutant General.

SPECIAL FIELD ORDERS } HEADQUARTERS,
No. 22. } DEPARTMENT OF THE TENNESSEE,
Vicksburg, February 28, 1864.

(*Extract.*)

I...The army in the field now at Canton will remain there till about March 3d, to hear from and assist, if necessary, the Cavalry expedition under command of Brigadier William Sooy Smith, which

should have left Memphis February 2d at furthest, but did not till about the 11th. If heard from, General McPherson with his corps will await his arrival or till he can communicate with him, and order General Smith to the vicinity of Big Black bridge to await further orders or to act offensively should a Cavalry force of the enemy appear this side of Pearl River.

II...General Hurlbut will, about March 3d, move his command across Big Black, at or near Moore's Bluff, and come to Vicksburg prepared to embark for Red River about March 7th next.

III...Should General McPherson hear of the safety of the Cavalry command referred to, or hear no tidings at all of it on or before the 3d instant, he also will move down the peninsula between Pearl River and Big Black to the bridge at Messenger's, or at the railroad bridge, and resume his former command at Vicksburg and district.

IV...The Chief Quartermaster of the Department will collect a number of steamboats, suitable for the Red River, of a capacity to transport two thousand men, with Artillery, Ordnance and Subsistence stores for thirty days' operations, to be ready at Vicksburg by the 7th of March.

V...The Commissary of Subsistence at Vicksburg will place at Haines' Bluff three days' rations for General Hurlbut's command of two thousand men, to be drawn by him on his way down, and the same for General McPherson's command at the Big Black bridge.

VI...The Ordnance officer will be prepared to ship on board steamboats, at the date before named, the mortars and thirty-pound Parrotts, with all their ammunition on hand, and also a supply of musket ammunition, equal to two hundred rounds per man for two thousand men.

VII...Captain Varney, Aide-de-Camp to General McPherson, will collect all the mail matter and newspapers he can obtain for the 16th and 17th Army Corps, and carry the same to the army at Canton; and Colonel Winslow, Chief of Cavalry, will furnish him an escort of about two hundred men able to start on the 1st day of March.

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By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

L. M. DAYTON,

Aide-de-Camp.

SPECIAL FIELD ORDERS } HEADQUARTERS,
 No. 23. } DEPARTMENT OF THE TENNESSEE,
Natchez, Miss., March 5, 1864.

The intrenchments now approaching completion at Natchez will be known as Fort McPherson, and its magazines and armament will be completed at as early a date as possible.

II...All citizens living within the limits must be removed within a reasonable time, and all roads leading to, and through it, will be closed to the public.

III...The commanding officer at Natchez will assemble a Board of Survey, composed of three officers of rank and experience, with a recorder, who will examine all houses and tenements within the lines of intrenchments, and such on the outside as should, in the judgment of Captain Haines, U. S. Engineers, be destroyed, and assess their value in gold coin. A copy of the proceedings will be filed with the commanding officer at Natchez, another copy sent to the Quartermaster General, and a third to the Engineer Department at Washington, D. C. A certificate of valuation will be given each tenant or occupant in possession, regardless of his or her loyalty and ownership.

IV...The commanding officer at Natchez will give to each party dispossessed of houses or tenements by this order, possession of another house of like value in Natchez, which may be vacant, and the property of some known or suspected rebel.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman:

L. M. DAYTON,
Aide-de-Camp.

SPECIAL FIELD ORDERS } HEADQUARTERS,
 No. 24. } DEPARTMENT OF TENNESSEE,
Vicksburg, Miss., March 6, 1864.

General Hurlbut will, out of his 1st and 3d Divisions, make up a command of about 7,500 Infantry, with two good batteries of Artillery—the whole under command of Brigadier General A. J. Smith—to embark on the 7th and 8th instants, on board transports with (30) thirty days' rations, and provided for an expedition up Red River. Only two ambulances per regiment, and one wagon for each Head-

quarters, will be taken along, and the remaining wagons and sick will be left at Vicksburg, to be taken care of until the command returns to Vicksburg.

II...General McPherson will, in like manner, make up a command of about 2,500 men, with one good battery, under a Brigadier with rank inferior to that of General A. J. Smith, prepared in like manner to embark on boats on the 7th and 8th instants. The General in command to report in person to General A. J. Smith, who will receive full and minute instructions from the General commanding.

III...Corps Commanders will at once order a part of the re-enlisted regiments of their corps to their respective States, when organized for a furlough of (30) thirty days therein, with full instructions as to procuring additional recruits and rejoining their proper brigades with dispatch on the expiration of their furloughs. The officers and men thus sent on furlough should be impressed with the importance of their return in time, as military plans can only be based on a knowledge of numbers and time.

IV...Brigadier General Veatch's command will proceed, *via* Cairo and the Tennessee River, with all its men, guns, transportation, and materials, to join the command of General Dodge at or near Athens, Alabama. The Chief Quartermaster of the Department will provide the necessary transportation to carry out these orders and those issued February 28, 1864.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

L. M. DAYTON,
Aide-de-Camp.

SPECIAL FIELD ORDERS } HEADQUARTERS,
No. 25. } DEPARTMENT OF THE TENNESSEE,
Vicksburg, March 7, 1864.

(*Extract.*)

The following disposition is made of the cotton captured and brought to Vicksburg by the Yazoo River expedition, Colonel Coates, 11th Illinois Infantry, commanding:—

I...One thousand bales will be delivered to the special agent of the Treasury Department, to be by him disposed of as all other

abandoned or confiscated personal property, but designed by me to indemnify the owners of the steamer "Allen Collier," burned by the rebels near Bolivar landing, and any other losses sustained by steamboats navigating the Mississippi between Memphis and Vicksburg, engaged in a lawful and licensed commerce.

II...The balance will be held by the Post Quartermaster of Vicksburg, to be disposed of as follows: General McPherson will appoint a board of (3) three officers, who will hear and adjudicate all claims of loyal citizens, residing on the Mississippi River, within the limits of his district, for damages sustained to their property by guerillas or the public enemy, or our own troops, such as the burning of Doctor Duncan's cotton in the seed or in bales, and the use for hospitals of Mrs. Grover's cotton. The board will make an award in kind, viz: in bales of cotton, and their award will be examined by the commanding officer of the District of Vicksburg, and if approved and ordered to be paid, the Quartermaster having it in charge will make the restitution in kind, taking receipts therefor in full satisfaction for all damages sustained.

III...After ninety days from the date of this order, the balance, if any, will be turned over to the agent of the Treasury Department as captured property.

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By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

L. M. DAYTON,
Aide-de-Camp.

GENERAL ORDERS }
No. 2. }

HEADQUARTERS,
DEPARTMENT AND ARMY OF THE TENNESSEE,
Huntsville, Ala., March 9, 1864.

Captain Charles Doty, Commissary of Subsistence, U. S. Volunteers, is hereby assigned to duty as Inspecting Commissary of the Department and Army of the Tennessee, and will be respected accordingly.

He will report to Lieutenant Colonel R. Macfeely, Chief Commissary of the Department, for instructions.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

R. M. SAWYER,
Assistant Adjutant General.

SPECIAL FIELD ORDERS } HEADQUARTERS,
 No. 26. } DEPARTMENT OF THE TENNESSEE,
Memphis, March 11, 1864.

Lieutenant C. M. Chadsey will proceed as bearer of dispatches to Major General J. B. McPherson, at Vicksburg, and there await his answer and immediately return to Memphis.

II...Quartermaster at Memphis will furnish the necessary transportation, and the steamboat used for this purpose can be employed in return in transporting furloughed veteran troops.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

L. M. DAYTON,
Aide-de-Camp.

SPECIAL FIELD ORDERS } HEADQUARTERS,
 No. 28. } DEPARTMENT OF THE TENNESSEE,
Memphis, Tenn., March 14, 1864.

I...Major General McPherson will organize two good divisions of his Corps (the 17th) of about (5,000) five thousand men, each embracing in part the re-enlisted veterans of his corps whose furloughs will expire in April, which he will command in person, and will rendezvous at Cairo, Illinois, and report by telegraph and letter to the General commanding at Department Headquarters, wherever it may be. These divisions will be provided with new arms and accoutrements, and land transportation, (wagons and mules,) out of the supplies now at Vicksburg, which will be conveyed to Cairo by or before April 15.

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III...General McPherson will, out of the troops in the District of Vicksburg not belonging to the two divisions named, organize good garrisons to hold Vicksburg and Natchez, and will order the commanders to make reports and returns to Major General Hurlbut at Memphis, and also to Corps Headquarters in the field.

IV...During the absence of General McPherson from the District of Vicksburg, Major General Hurlbut will exercise command over all the troops in the Department of the Tennessee, from Cairo to Natchez inclusive, and will receive special instructions from Department Headquarters.

V...The officers of the Quartermaster's Department, and all others in authority, are hereby commanded to use dispatch in forwarding troops and supplies, that no unnecessary delay may occur; and boats must not be held night or day at any military post or wood station, except for a military reason. Commanders of troops, *en route* or on furlough, may report direct to Department Headquarters at Huntsville, Alabama, any stoppage of their boats for any cause, and if unexplained, it will be noticed and punished.

VI...The Quartermaster's Department will furnish transportation for Major General W. T. Sherman, and for five commissioned officers and six orderlies from Memphis, Tennessee, to Cairo, Illinois.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

L. M. DAYTON,
Aide-de-Camp.

MILITARY DIVISION OF THE MISSISSIPPI.

GENERAL ORDERS } HEADQUARTERS,
 } MILITARY DIVISION OF THE MISSISSIPPI,
 } *Nashville, Tenn., March 18, 1864.*

I...The undersigned hereby assumes command of the Military Division of the Mississippi, embracing the Departments of the Ohio, Cumberland, Tennessee and Arkansas.

Headquarters in the field, with an office at Nashville, Tennessee, where all returns and reports will be addressed.

II...Major R. M. Sawyer, Assistant Adjutant General, is announced as Adjutant General of the Military Division, to whom reports will be addressed. The Staff for the Division will be selected and duly announced in orders.

W. T. SHERMAN,
Major General, Commanding.

GENERAL ORDERS } HEADQUARTERS,
 No. 3. } MILITARY DIVISION OF THE MISSISSIPPI,
 Nashville, Tenn., March 24, 1864.

The following officers are named as members of the Staff to the Military Division of the Mississippi:—

Personal.

Major J. C. McCoy, Aide-de-Camp.

Captain L. M. Dayton, Aide-de-Camp.

Captain J. C. Audenried, Aide-de-Camp.

General.

Brigadier General J. D. Webster.

Brigadier General W. F. Barry, Chief of Artillery.

They will be respected accordingly.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

R. M. SAWYER,

Assistant Adjutant General.

GENERAL ORDERS } HEADQUARTERS,
 No. 4. } MILITARY DIVISION OF THE MISSISSIPPI,
 Nashville, Tenn., March 28 1864.

Captain Montgomery Rochester, Assistant Adjutant General of Volunteers, is assigned to duty in the Adjutant General's Department at these Headquarters, and will be respected accordingly.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

R. M. SAWYER,

Assistant Adjutant General.

GENERAL ORDERS } HEADQUARTERS,
 No. 5. } MILITARY DIVISION OF THE MISSISSIPPI,
 Nashville, Tenn., April 5, 1864.

By and with the approval of the Commander-in-Chief of the Armies of the United States, the following changes are made, which will go into effect at once:—

I...The 11th and 12th Corps are hereby consolidated, and will compose the 20th Army Corps, Major General Joseph Hooker commanding. Major General Slocum is relieved from duty in the Department of the Cumberland, and will report in person to Major

General James B. McPherson, commanding Department of the Tennessee, for assignment to the command of the fortified Post and District of Vicksburg.

II...Major General O. O. Howard is assigned to the command of the 4th Army Corps. Major General Gordon Granger is relieved from command of that corps and from duty with the Army of the Cumberland, to enable him to avail himself of a leave of absence heretofore granted him.

III...Major General J. M. Scofield is assigned to the command of the 23d Army Corps, and Major General George Stoneman is relieved from the command of that corps, for assignment to the command of a Special Cavalry Force, to be organized under special instructions from these Headquarters to the Commanding General of the Army of the Ohio.

IV...Major General John Newton is assigned to duty with the Army of the Cumberland, and will report to Major General Thomas, at Chattanooga, for assignment to duty according to his rank.

V...Commanding Generals of Departments will make all rules necessary to carry into effect these orders, and will make such dispositions of the Staff officers affected, and of corps badges and other insignia, as in their judgment will result in the harmony and good of the service.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

R. M. SAWYER,

Assistant Adjutant General.

GENERAL ORDERS	}	HEADQUARTERS,
No. 6.		MILITARY DIVISION OF THE MISSISSIPPI, Nashville, Tenn., April 6, 1864.

To enable the military railroads running from Nashville to supply more fully the armies in the field, the following regulations will hereafter be observed:—

I...No citizen, nor any private freight whatever, will be transported by the railroads, save as hereinafter provided.

II...Officers traveling under orders, or on leave of absence, sick or furloughed soldiers departing from or returning to their regiments, and small detachments of troops, will be transported on the orders of post commanders, of Brigadier General Andrew Johnson, Mili-

tary Governor of Tennessee, or of the commanding officer of either of the Departments of the Ohio, the Cumberland, or the Tennessee, or of the Military Division of the Mississippi. Bodies of troops will not be transported by railroads when it is possible for them to march, except upon the order of the commanding officer of some one of the Military Departments above named. Civil employés of the various Staff Departments will be transported on the order of the senior and supervising Quartermaster, Department of the Cumberland, at Nashville, Tennessee, or of the commanding officer of either of the Military Departments above named. Employés of the railroads will be transported on the order of the superintendent or chief engineer of the railroads.

III...No citizens will be allowed to travel on the railroads at all, except on the permit of the commanding officer of one of the three Military Departments, or of the Military Division of the Mississippi, and when their transportation will not prevent that of any army supplies, of which the proper officer of the Quartermaster's Department will be the judge.

IV...Express companies will be allowed one car per day each way, on each military road, to carry small parcels for soldiers and officers. One car per day more on each road, for sutlers' goods and officers' stores, may be allowed by the senior and supervising Quartermaster at Nashville, at his discretion; these cars to be furnished by the express companies and attached to the passenger trains. When a sufficient surplus of stores has been accumulated at the front the senior and supervising Quartermaster aforesaid may increase this allowance, but not before.

V...Stores exclusively for officers' messes in very limited quantities, after due inspection by the Inspecting Officer at Nashville, Tennessee, of sutlers' goods, and all private stores, shipped to the front, will be passed *free* on the several roads, on the order of the senior and supervising Quartermaster, Department of the Cumberland, at Nashville, Tennessee.

VI...Horses, cattle, or other live stock, will not be transported by railroad, except on the written order of the Commanding General of the Military Division, or of one of the Military Departments.

VII...Trains on their return trips will be allowed to bring up private freight, when the shipment thereof does not interfere with

the full working of the roads, of which the senior and supervising Quartermaster at Nashville will be the judge.

VIII...Provost Marshals have nothing to do with transportation by railroads. Their passes merely mean that the bearer can go from one point to another named in their pass, but not necessarily by rail. The railroads are purely for army purposes.

IX...When the rolling stock of the railroads is increased, or when a due accumulation of stores has been made at the front, increased facilities may be extended to passengers and private freight, of which due notice will be given. Until that time citizens and sutlers must use wagons.

X...Until the railroad is relieved all military posts within thirty-five miles of Nashville, and twenty miles of Stevenson, Bridgeport, Chattanooga, Huntsville, and Loudon, must haul their stores by wagons.

XI...The general manager of the railroads, and his duly appointed agents and conductors, will control the trains, and will be authorized to call on every passenger for his orders for transportation by railroad, that they may be returned to the general manager or superintendent. The military guard will enforce good order, and sustain the agents and conductors of the roads in their rightful authority, but will report any mismanagement or neglect of duty, through their officers, to these Headquarters.

XII...Until other arrangements are perfected, commanding officers, on the request of the railroad managers, will furnish details for providing wood or water at such points as may be necessary to supply the trains.

By command of Major General W. T. Sherman :

R. M. SAWYER,

Assistant Adjutant General.

GENERAL ORDERS	}	HEADQUARTERS,
No. 7.		MILITARY DIVISION OF THE MISSISSIPPI, <i>Nashville, Tenn., April 18, 1864.</i>

I...When troops serving in this Military Division are transferred from one post to another, or from one Department to another Department, the orders will embrace transportation for all the wagons, mules, horses, tents, clothing, and camp equipage properly pertaining to such troops.

II...When troops are ordered to march for action, or to be in condition for action, all encumbrances must be left in store at the most safe and convenient point. Mounted officers, (general, regimental or Cavalry,) will be expected to carry on their own or led horses the necessary bedding and changes of clothing, with forage and provisions for themselves for three days—which must last five days. Infantry officers and soldiers must carry on their persons or on led horses or mules, the same; to which end will be allowed to each company, when practicable, one led horse or pack mule. Artillery can carry the same on their caissons, so that all troops must be in readiness for motion, without wagons, for a five days' operation.

III...For longer periods of service the Generals in command of armies, divisions or brigades, will indicate in orders beforehand the number of wagons to each Headquarters and subdivision of command. In no event will tents be carried, or chests, or boxes, or trunks. Wagons must be reserved for ammunition proper, for cooking utensils, for provisions consisting exclusively of bread or flour, salt, sugar, coffee, and bacon or pork—in the proportion of thirty days' sugar and coffee, double of salt, twenty days' of bread or flour, and six of pork or bacon. The meat ration must be gathered in the country or driven on the hoof. Officers must be restricted to the same food as soldiers, and the General commanding knows that our soldiers will submit to any deprivation, provided life and health can be sustained, and they are satisfied of the necessity.

IV...One or two ambulances and one wagon should follow each regiment; all other wheeled vehicles should be made up into trains of convenient size, always under command of some Quartermaster, with a proper escort; and minute instructions should be imparted to the officers in charge of trains as to keeping closed up, doubling up on the roads when they are wide enough, or parking in side fields when there is any cause of delay ahead, so that the long periods of standing in a road, which fatigue the troops so much, may be avoided.

These orders are preliminary.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman:

R. M. SAWYER,

Assistant Adjutant General.

GENERAL ORDERS }
 No. 8. }

HEADQUARTERS,
 MILITARY DIVISION OF THE MISSISSIPPI,
Nashville, Tennessee, April 19, 1864.

I...Provisions will no longer be issued to citizens at military posts south of Nashville. When citizens cannot procure provisions in the country, there is no alternative but they must remove to the rear.

II...Provisions must not be sold to any persons save officers in the service of the United States, and the hired men employed by the Quartermasters, or other Departments of the Government, at a rate not to exceed one ration per day. Commanding officers will give their personal attention to this matter, as it is of vital importance. It is idle for us to be pushing forward subsistence stores if they are lavished and expended on any persons except they belong to the army proper.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

R. M. SAWYER,
Assistant Adjutant General.

GENERAL ORDERS }
 No. 9. }

HEADQUARTERS,
 MILITARY DIVISION OF THE MISSISSIPPI,
Nashville, Tenn., April 19, 1864.

Colonel Amos Beckwith, Additional Aide-de-Camp and Commissary of Subsistence, U. S. Army, having reported at these Headquarters in compliance with Special Orders No. 146, War Department, Adjutant General's Office, current series, is announced as Chief Commissary of the Military Division of the Mississippi, and will be respected accordingly.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

R. M. SAWYER,
Assistant Adjutant General.

GENERAL ORDERS }
 No. 10. }

HEADQUARTERS,
 MILITARY DIVISION OF THE MISSISSIPPI,
Nashville, Tenn., April 26, 1864.

I...There will be established, at or near Nashville, one or more Camps of Instruction, in which will be collected all regiments arriving from the rear which are not assigned to any one of the Departments or armies in the field, all detachments or individuals who have got astray from their commands, and all convalescents

discharged from hospitals. These camps will be under the general supervision of the commanding officer of the District of Nashville, who will assign to each a General Officer, who will be instructed to organize and equip for service all such regiments and detachments, and subject them to a thorough system of instruction in the drill and guard duties.

II...All officers, regiments and detachments belonging to any of the established Departments, will, without further orders, be sent with dispatch to their proper posts; but such as are not thus provided for will be held in reserve at Nashville to reinforce any part of the lines of communication to the front, and subject to orders from these Headquarters.

III...Soldiers' Homes are merely designed for the accommodation of men in transitu; and when delayed from any cause, the men will be sent to the Camp of Instruction. Officers, and men also, in and about Nashville awaiting orders, will be sent to the Camp of Instruction.

IV...Major General Carl Schurz is assigned to the command of one of these camps, and will report to Major General Rousseau for further instructions.

V...Patrols will, from time to time, be sent to collect men and officers who are in Nashville without proper authority. All who are not in possession of written orders that warrant their presence in Nashville, will be arrested and taken to the Camp of Instruction, where they will be put on duty till forwarded, under guard or otherwise, to their proper posts.

VI...In time of war, leaves of absence can only be granted, and that for limited periods, by commanders of separate armies or Departments. Subordinate commanders cannot send officers or men away without such sanction; and therefore the numerous shifts of that kind will be treated as void.

VII...Staff Departments, on proper requisitions, approved by General Rousseau, will issue the provisions, camp and garrison equipage, arms, and accoutrements, necessary to carry into effect these orders.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman:

R. M. SAWYER,

Assistant Adjutant General.

GENERAL ORDERS } HEADQUARTERS,
 No. 11. } MILITARY DIVISION OF THE MISSISSIPPI,
 Nashville, Tenn., April 30, 1864.

The following named officers are announced as Acting Inspectors General of this army, and will be respected accordingly:—

Brigadier General John M. Corse, U. S. Volunteers.

Lieutenant Colonel Charles Ewing, Assistant Inspector General, 15th Corps.

Lieutenant Colonel Willard Warner, 76th Ohio Volunteer Infantry.

They will report in person to the Major General commanding in the field.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman:

R. M. SAWYER,

Assistant Adjutant General.

SPECIAL FIELD ORDERS } HEADQUARTERS,
 No. 1. } MILITARY DIVISION OF THE MISSISSIPPI,
 Chattanooga, Tenn., May 3, 1864.

The following officers will compose the Staff of the General commanding in the field, and will be obeyed and respected accordingly:—

Personal Staff.

Major J. C. McCoy, Aide-de-Camp.

Captain L. M. Dayton, Aide-de-Camp.

Captain J. C. Audenried, Aide-de-Camp.

General Staff.

Chief of Artillery, Brigadier General W. F. Barry, U. S. Volunteers.

Chief Engineer, Captain O. M. Poe, U. S. Engineers.

Chief Quartermaster, Colonel L. C. Easton, U. S. Army.

Chief Commissary, Colonel A. Beckwith, U. S. Army.

Chief of Ordnance, Captain Thomas G. Baylor, U. S. Army.

Medical Inspector, Surgeon E. D. Kittoe, U. S. Volunteers.

Inspectors General, Brigadier General J. M. Corse, U. S. Volunteers; Lieutenant Colonel Charles Ewing, Captain, 13th U. S. Infantry; Lieutenant Colonel Willard Warner, 76th Ohio Volunteers.

Reports and applications requiring immediate action will be addressed by Generals commanding separate armies directly to the Commander-in-Chief; by subordinates, to Captain L. M. Dayton, Aide-de-Camp.

All current business will, as heretofore, be addressed to Lieutenant Colonel R. M. Sawyer, Assistant Adjutant General of the Division Headquarters, Nashville, Tennessee.

(Signed)

W. T. SHERMAN,
Major General Commanding.

GENERAL ORDERS }
No. 12. }

HEADQUARTERS,
MILITARY DIVISION OF THE MISSISSIPPI,
Nashville, Tenn., May 4, 1864.

I...Lieutenant Colonel Langdon C. Easton, Quartermaster, U. S. Army, is announced as Chief Quartermaster for the army in the field.

II...Lieutenant Colonel E. D. Kittoe, Medical Inspector, U. S. Army, is announced as Chief Medical Inspector for the army in the field.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman:

R. M. SAWYER,
Assistant Adjutant General.

SPECIAL FIELD ORDERS }
No. 2. }

HEADQUARTERS,
MILITARY DIVISION OF THE MISSISSIPPI,
In the Field, Tunnel Hill, Ga., May 9, 1864.

The Commanding General has just received the following telegram, and announces it with pleasure, viz:—

WASHINGTON, D. C.,
11.15 A. M.—*May 9, 1864.*

Major General SHERMAN:

The Army of the Potomac had hard fighting on the fifth (5th) and sixth, (6th.) driving the enemy from every position.

On the seventh (7th) they had retreated some ten (10) miles, General Grant in pursuit. They left their dead and wounded in our hands.

Loss on both sides heavy. Battle field near the old Wilderness Tavern. Announce the victory to your army.

(Signed)

H. W. HALLECK,
Major General and Chief of Staff.

Let us do likewise.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman:

L. M. DAYTON,
Aide-de-Camp.

SPECIAL FIELD ORDERS } No. 3.	} HEADQUARTERS, MILITARY DIVISION OF THE MISSISSIPPI, <i>In the Field, Snake Creek Gap, Ga.,</i> May 12, 1864.
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The object of the movement for to-morrow is to interpose between the enemy and Resacca, and to break his communications.

I...Major General McPherson will move his column directly on Resacca, occupying in force the hills on this side of Camp Creek, and his left extending along up Camp Creek. He will prepare to advance a part of his force from his left to the railroad, and break it, and then fall back to his line.

II...Major General Thomas will follow close to General McPherson, and when he reaches a main road crossing the Resacca road, about two miles this side of the town, viz: the Dalton and Calhoun road, he will turn to the left toward Dalton, prepared to deploy forward, and connect on his right with General McPherson's left, choosing strong positions to cover the movement on the railroad.

III...Major General Schofield will follow General Thomas, and at the first Dalton road, known as the Dalton and Rome road, will turn to the left and advance to abreast of General Thomas and connect with him. General Schofield will leave one brigade in Snake Creek Gap, about five miles east of Villanow, and the balance of the one division in General McPherson's entrenched camp at this point.

IV...The Cavalry of General Garrard will picket all roads to our rear, and in case of being threatened from the north, will come into Snake Creek Gap and cover the rear of the army and the wagon train. The Cavalry of General Kilpatrick will move south of the main road to Resacca, and be held in reserve near the forks of the road, and be subject to the orders of the Commander-in-Chief.

V...All trains will be brought in Snake Creek Gap, and be parked in convenient order off the road. Great care must be observed in keeping the road clear, and ambulances and wagons when not traveling the road must invariably turn out and leave all the road clear. Each army commander will leave his own wagon guards, and the men should leave their knapsacks in camp.

VI...The movement will begin at six (6) o'clock A. M. to-morrow.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

L. M. DAYTON,
Aide-de-Camp.

SPECIAL FIELD ORDERS }
 No. 4. }

HEADQUARTERS,
 MILITARY DIVISION OF THE MISSISSIPPI,
In the Field, near Resacca,
 May 14, 1864.

The following telegram is just received, and the General-in-Chief announces the victory:—

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 13, 1864.

Major General SHERMAN:

After four days' hard fighting at Spottsylvania Court House, and terrible battle yesterday, in which one (1) whole division of the enemy, Edward Johnson's, were killed or captured, with thirty pieces of cannon, Lee abandoned his works and retreated. Grant is pursuing.

(Signed) EDWIN M. STANTON,
Secretary of War.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman:

L. M. DAYTON,
Aide-de-Camp.

SPECIAL FIELD ORDERS }
 No. 5. }

HEADQUARTERS,
 MILITARY DIVISION OF THE MISSISSIPPI,
In the Field, near Resacca,
 May 14, 1864.

I...Major General Schofield is charged with guarding Knoxville and the railroad from Tyners to Knoxville, and from Cleveland to Dalton, relieving, as soon as possible, General Thomas' troops on that line.

II...Major General Thomas will guard the railroad from Chattanooga to Dalton, and forward as the army advances.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman:

L. M. DAYTON,
Aide-de-Camp.

SPECIAL FIELD ORDERS }
 No. 6. }

HEADQUARTERS,
 MILITARY DIVISION OF THE MISSISSIPPI,
In the Field, Resacca, May 15, 1864.

The movement of the troops for to-day will be as follows:—

I...Major General McPherson, reinforced by the Cavalry division of General Kilpatrick, will continue to threaten the line of the enemy's communications by a pontoon bridge near Lay's Ferry, and a good lodgment on the other bank. He will hold the strong,

defensive position gained yesterday, from the Bald Hill to the Oostanaula, near the mouth of Camp Creek, prepared at all times to assume the offensive.

II. Major General Thomas will hold one corps (General Palmer's) on the defensive, holding the line of hills on the west side of Camp Creek, connecting strong with General McPherson on a line with the Bald Hill, with a reserve in the large field behind it, (*i. e.*, the cleared valley of the west branch of Camp Creek.) The other two corps, Hooker's and Howard's, will make a steady and strong attack on the enemy along down the ridge between Camp Creek and the Conasauga towards Resacca, but will not assault fortified positions unless sure of success.

III...Major General Schofield will support the line of General Howard and General Hooker, and be prepared to resume his place on the left as soon as the ground will permit. During the advance he will hold his troops to the left rear of General Howard and General Hooker's line.

IV...All the troops should be in position for action at daylight, and the general movement begin at eight (8) o'clock A. M.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

L. M. DAYTON,
Aide-de-Camp.

SPECIAL FIELD ORDERS }
No. 7. }

HEADQUARTERS,
MILITARY DIVISION OF THE MISSISSIPPI,
In the Field, Resacca, May 15, 1864.

I...Dalton is announced as the present depot of supplies, but the railroad superintendent may bring forward trains of cars with ammunition or special articles up to the very rear of the army. The wagon trains will be brought out of Snake Creek Gap, and that route abandoned. Wagon trains will take post, under direction of the proper staff officers and guards, to the rear of their respective armies.

II...Commanders of armies will aim to keep on hand ten (10) days' supply of meat and bread, and as much forage as they can, keeping their mules in as good order as possible, looking to the probability of a long march.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

L. M. DAYTON,
Aide-de-Camp.

SPECIAL FIELD ORDERS } HEADQUARTERS,
 No. 8. } MILITARY DIVISION OF THE MISSISSIPPI,
In the Field, Resacca, Ga., May 16, 1864.

The enemy having retreated south, the following general plan will be pursued until he is beyond the Etowah River:—

I...Major General Thomas will pursue, substantially by the line of the railroad to Kingston and Etowah bridge, keeping his forces well in hand at all times, but using two or three roads when available.

II...Major General McPherson will move substantially by the Rome road, keeping up communication with the centre.

III...Major General Schofield will get over on the old Federal road from Spring Place to Cassville, or other road in that neighborhood.

IV...The repairs of the railroad and telegraph lines must be pushed forward with all possible rapidity, but troops must not wait for them.

V...Commanders of Armies and the Cavalry divisions will forward all prisoners of war to Resacca, there to be delivered to the Provost Marshal of the Department of the Cumberland and sent to the rear. Provost Marshals will be particular in making and sending the proper record of prisoners. Deserters and refugees from the enemy will be likewise rendezvoused and kept separate from prisoners, and disposed of according to known orders.

VI...The Provost Marshal of the Department of the Cumberland will make arrangements to receive at Resacca all prisoners collected by the above orders and send them to the proper depots of prisoners at the north with as much expedition as possible.

VII...The regiments of dismounted Indiana Cavalry, now at the Camp of Instruction in Nashville, are hereby assigned to the Department of the Cumberland, and the Commanding General of that Department and army will give all the necessary orders for their proper employment.

VIII...Major General Thomas is charged with the duty of guarding all railroads to our rear, including all the country north of the Tennessee, and the post and bridge at Decatur, Alabama; and Major General McPherson may call forward to his army the effective corps and regiments now at and around Huntsville, as soon as he can,

leaving only small guards, till they are relieved by detachments of the army of the Cumberland; and his non-effective force, under suitable officers, will be left at any suitable point to the rear, say Stevenson or Bridgeport.

IX...Major General McPherson will collect a force of about four or five thousand men out of the militia and garrison of Paducah and Columbus, Kentucky, and place them at some suitable point on the Tennessee River, about Eastport, to serve as a threat to North Alabama, and as a support to General Washburn's operations in Mississippi.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman:

L. M. DAYTON,
Aide-de-Camp.

SPECIAL FIELD ORDERS } No. 9. }	HEADQUARTERS, MILITARY DIVISION OF THE MISSISSIPPI, <i>In the Field, Kingston, Ga.,</i> May 20, 1864.
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I...Major General Thomas will group his army in and around Cassville; Major General Schofield his at or near Pettit's Creek, or along Nancy's Creek; and Major General McPherson his at Kingston, and the fords and bridges across the Etowah in that vicinity.

II...Each army commander will use his Cavalry and Staff officers freely in the next two days in collecting information, making maps, &c., and in preparing for the next grand move, full details of which will in due season be made known.

III...The cars now run to our very camps. Each army commander will send to the rear all wounded and sick, as also all worthless men and idlers that have turned up on this march. He will then make provision to subsist his command, independent of the railroad, for twenty days.

IV...The whole army must be ready to march by May 23, stripped for battle, but equipped and provided for twenty (20) days. At the same time the wagon trains should rather be diminished than increased, as we can safely rely on getting much meat and forage and vegetables in the country to which we propose to go.

V...The rations will be, for troops, one (1) pound of bread, flour or meal; beef on the hoof; two (2) days' allowance of bacon per week, and sugar, coffee and salt; four (4) pounds of grain will be allowed each animal, and no more. All else must be gathered in the country. Brigade Quartermasters and Commissaries will be instructed to forage and graze, but indiscriminate plunder must not be allowed.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

L. M. DAYTON,
Aide-de-Camp.

SPECIAL FIELD ORDERS } No. 10.	} HEADQUARTERS, MILITARY DIVISION OF THE MISSISSIPPI, <i>In the Field, Kingston, Ga.,</i> <i>May 21, 1864.</i>
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The following telegram is just received, and is published for the information of this army :—

WASHINGTON, D. C., 10 P. M., May 20, 1864.

Major General SHERMAN :

Your telegram of this date, reporting your operations, has just reached here.

It is proper to state that the movements of your army since the opening of the campaign, the vigor and success of your operations, meet and receive the admiration of the President, of this Department, and of all loyal people, and are already inspiring the hearts of rebel sympathizers with dismay. For yourself, your officers and troops, please accept renewed thanks.

(Signed) E. M. STANTON.
Secretary of War.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

L. M. DAYTON,
Aide-de-Camp.

SPECIAL FIELD ORDERS } No. 11.	} HEADQUARTERS, MILITARY DIVISION OF THE MISSISSIPPI, <i>In the Field, Kingston, Ga.,</i> <i>May 22, 1864.</i>
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I...General McPherson will cause the 17th Army Corps, Major General Blair commanding, to march from Decatur to Rome and Kingston, and will garrison Rome with a force of about two

thousand (2,000) men, until further orders. General Thomas will garrison Kingston with a small force—say one thousand (1,000) men—well covered by earthworks or stone buildings. Resacca will be held strong, and will be the depot of supplies until further notice.

Such stores and provisions will be kept forward at Kingston and Rome as can be moved by the wagons of the troops present, and no more.

II...The several armies will move punctually to-morrow morning provided as heretofore ordered, by separate roads, aiming to reach the positions hereinafter assigned them, in the course of the third day; and in the meantime each wing communicating freely with the centre by cross roads.

The Army of the Cumberland will move on Dallas by Euharlee and Stilesboro', the division of General Jeff. C. Davis, now at Rome, marching direct for Dallas by Van Wert. The Army of the Ohio will move for position on the left *via* Richland Creek and Burnt Hickory, or Huntsville. The Army of the Tennessee will move *via* Van Wert to a position on the right at or near the head of Pumpkin Vine Creek, south of Dallas.

III...Marietta is the objective point, and the enemy is supposed to be in force at Alatoona, but with Cavalry all along the line of the Etowah. Henceforth great caution must be exercised to cover and protect trains.

IV...Lieutenant Colonel J. Condit Smith, Quartermaster 15th Army Corps, will turn over to the Quartermaster of Brigadier General Elliot, Chief of Cavalry, Department of the Cumberland, one thousand (\$1,000) dollars, Confederate money, taking the usual transfer receipt for the same.

V...Lieutenant Colonel O. G. Bartlett, 150th New York Volunteers, Infantry, is hereby relieved from duty with his regiment in the Department and Army of the Cumberland, the consent of the commanders thereof being given, and will report to Major General J. M. Schofield, commanding Department and Army of the Ohio in the field, for assignment.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

L. M. DAYTON,
Aide-de-Camp.

SPECIAL FIELD ORDERS } HEADQUARTERS,
 No. 12. } MILITARY DIVISION OF THE MISSISSIPPI,
In the Field, near Dallas, Ga., May 26, 1864.

I...To-morrow morning, early, all the batteries of General Hooker's, Howard's, and Schofield's Corps, which can be put in position, will open on the works of the enemy. and will keep up a persistent fire until nine (9) A. M., when they will cease firing unless a proper object presents itself.

II...General Thomas will, at ten (10) A. M., wheel General Howard's Corps to the right, advancing the left to the south, on the east side of the cleared valley in our front, to the commanding promontory which commands the Marietta road. General Cox will move the two divisions of the 23d Corps under his command in close support of General Howard's left. General Hooker will, if possible, carry some one or more points of the enemy's works to his immediate front. All the army will be held to follow up the advantages gained by this movement.

III...General McPherson will make a junction with General Davis at or near Dallas, and will then move straight toward the enemy at New Hope Church, and make connection with General Hooker's right.

IV...The General commanding will, during the movement, be at or near General Hooker's position, and wishes reports sent promptly to him of the fulfillment of the several parts of the plan.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

L. M. DAYTON,
Aide-de-Camp.

SPECIAL FIELD ORDERS } HEADQUARTERS,
 No. 13. } MILITARY DIVISION OF THE MISSISSIPPI,
In the Field, near Dallas, Ga., May 28, 1864.

I...General McPherson will occupy the line facing east from General Hooker's present right, to the creek above the saw-mill, with a small division and his supply train at the bridge near Owen's saw-mill at Pumpkin Vine Creek, and his Cavalry to his right rear, between Owen's saw-mill and Dallas.

II...General Thomas will connect with General McPherson and form a line facing nearly south, across both branches of Pettit's Creek and covering all the roads leading from Dallas to Alatoona and Acworth.

III...General Schofield will move out to the main Acworth road and move south to cover General Thomas' left, and if necessary will extend his line. General Stoneman's Cavalry will operate to the left (east) of General Schofield as near the main Marietta road as he can force his way against Cavalry. General Thomas and General Schofield will keep their supply trains near Pumpkin Vine Creek, in the vicinity of Burnt Hickory Crossing.

IV...Commanders of armies will send Staff officers to reconnoitre the roads and positions, and be prepared to take new positions as soon as General McPherson arrives from Dallas. General Headquarters will be at or near the rear of General Thomas' position about Pettit's Creek.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman:

L. M. DAYTON,
Aide-de-Camp.

SPECIAL FIELD ORDERS	}	HEADQUARTERS, MILITARY DIVISION OF THE MISSISSIPPI, <i>In the Field, May 30, 1864.</i>
No. 14.		

The movements of the army during May 31st and June 1st will be as follows:—

I...May 31st, the lines will remain substantially as now, and a general activity will be kept up along the whole front. General McPherson will feel for the extreme left of the enemy, (our right.)

II...June 1st, General Jeff. C. Davis will join his corps. General McPherson will move and occupy General Hooker's present position, and will cover the right flank. General Thomas will hold from the Owen's Mill road (General Hooker's present left) around to the hill near Picket's Mill, overlooking the Acworth road, near Leverett's house; and General Schofield will secure full possession of the Acworth road above Leverett's house.

III...General Stoneman's Cavalry will move raidly by any road east of the Pumpkin Vine Creek and secure possession of the east end of the Alatoona Pass and the bridge across Alatoona Creek.

General Garrard's Cavalry will move *via* Burnt Hickory and Richland Creek to the west end of Alatoona Pass, and communicate with General Stoneman, if possible. Army commanders will make the necessary instructions to carry these orders into effect.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

L. M. DAYTON,
Aide-de-Camp.

SPECIAL FIELD ORDERS } No. 15.	} _____ HEADQUARTERS, MILITARY DIVISION OF THE MISSISSIPPI, <i>In the Field, May 31, 1864.</i>
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In order to secure the rapid and efficient co-working of the Topographical Engineer Department of the Army in the field, and to avoid making surveys of any road by more than one officer, the following system will be adopted:—

I...No Topographical Engineer shall be employed as an Aide-de-Camp, or in any other duty other than making purely military surveys. The selection of camps, location of picket lines and repairs of roads, are not to be imposed on them, but on Quartermasters and other Staff officers.

II...On a march they will survey the route of their commands. When the army comes to a permanent or temporary halt, they will report in person to the Chief Engineer of their respective Departments and make such special field surveys as may be assigned them, at all times complying with his orders and instructions. Their surveys will then be compiled, and maps will be sent to their chief, who will cause them to be consolidated and issued from time to time as the exigencies of the campaign will permit.

III...All Corps, Division and Brigade Commanders will assist their Topographical Engineers to work in harmony, and for the benefit of the whole army, and thus secure the data from which to compile, at the earliest possible moment, maps which are indispensibly necessary to military movements, as in this manner only can all General officers receive the benefit of all military surveys.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

L. M. DAYTON,
Aide-de-Camp.

SPECIAL FIELD ORDERS } HEADQUARTERS,
 No. 16. } MILITARY DIVISION OF THE MISSISSIPPI,
In the Field, near Dallas, June 3, 1864.

I...Recruiting officers will not enlist as soldiers any negroes who are profitably employed by any of the Army Departments, and any Staff officer having a negro employed in useful labor on account of the Government will refuse to release him from his employment by virtue of a supposed enlistment as a soldier.

II...Commanding officers of military posts will arrest and, if need be, imprison any recruiting officer who, to make up companies of negro soldiers, interferes with the necessary gangs of hired negroes in the employment of the Quartermaster, Commissary or other Department of the Government, without the full consent of the officers having them in charge.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

L. M. DAYTON,
Aide-de-Camp.

SPECIAL FIELD ORDERS } HEADQUARTERS,
 No. 17. } MILITARY DIVISION OF THE MISSISSIPPI,
In the Field, near Dallas, June 4, 1864.

The attention of the General commanding has been called to certain facts which had already attracted his own attention, and concerning which he orders:—

I...In case of skirmish or battle the wounded must be brought off the field by musicians or non-combatants, distinguished by a badge of white cloth on the left arm. In no case, as long as firing continues, should an armed soldier abandon his comrades in battle to attend the wounded. See Par. 734, Army Regulations.

II...Hospitals are too far to the rear of their Corps or Divisions ; they should be up as close as possible, and covered by the shape of the ground and not by distance. The Surgeons in charge are responsible that slight wounds or shirking be not the cause of detaining armed men about their hospitals. Each attendant should have at all times about his person the written authority which justifies his presence at the hospital, or in passing to and from the command to which the hospital belongs.

III...Shirking, skulking and straggling in time of danger are such high detestable crimes, that the General commanding would hardly presume them possible, were it not for his own observation, and the report that at this moment soldiers are found loafing in the cabins to the rear as far back as Kingston.

The only proper fate of such miscreants is that they be shot as common enemies to their profession and country; and all officers and privates sent to arrest them will shoot them without mercy on the slightest impudence or resistance.

By thus wandering to the rear they desert their fellows who expose themselves in battle in the full faith that all on the rolls are present, and they subject themselves to capture and exchange as good soldiers, to which they have no title. It is hereby made the duty of every officer who finds such skulkers to deliver them to any Provost Guard, regardless of corps, to be employed in menial or hard work, such as repairing roads, digging drains, sinks, &c., &c. Officers, if found skulking, will be subject to the same penalties as enlisted men, viz: instant death or the hardest labor and treatment. Absentees not accounted for should always be mustered as "deserters," to deprive them of their pay and bounties reserved for honest soldiers.

IV...All will be styled skulkers who are found to the rear, absent from their proper commands without written authority from their proper commanders. Captains cannot give orders or passes beyond their regimental limits, Colonels beyond brigade limits, Brigadiers beyond division limits, &c., &c. The Commanding Generals of the three (3) Departments alone can order officers or detachments with or without wagons back to Kingston, or other general depots.

V...If unarmed soldiers are found on horses or mules at a distance from their proper commands or trains, any Cavalry escort or patrol will make prisoners of the men and appropriate the horses and mules to the use of the Cavalry. Orderlies to General officers on duty will be easily recognized by bearing official orders or receipts for the same, but each General officer should provide his orderlies with an official detail, to be carried with him.

Horses or mules sent for forage or to graze should be sent by detachments, with arms and military organization, when they will always be respected.

VI...Brigade and regimental commanders are the proper officers to keep their officers and men at their places. The Commanding General will, by his Inspectors and in person, give the matter a full attention, and when the time comes for reports on which to base claims for rewards and promotion, no officer having a loose, straggling command need expect any favor.

VII...The Commanding Generals of the three armies will make this order public, and at once organize guards and patrols to carry it into full effect.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

L. M. DAYTON,
Aide-de-Camp.

SPECIAL FIELD ORDERS

No. 18.

HEADQUARTERS,
MILITARY DIVISION OF THE MISSISSIPPI,
In the Field, on Little Alatoona Creek.

June 4, 1864.

I...To-morrow, June 5th, unless the enemy display more force and activity than now, Major General McPherson will send his wagons to Burnt Church, on the Alatoona road, by a road to the rear of Major General Thomas' road, and move with his command by both roads, to a point north of and near Burnt Church, ready the next day to move to Acworth, leaving his wagons behind Alatoona Creek.

II...Major General Thomas will refuse his right behind the creek on which Brown's Mill is located, and will prepare to move across Alatoona Creek to a point of the railroad in front of Acworth, say Big Shanty.

III...Major General Schofield will strengthen his position, and so dispose of his wagons as to follow Major General Thomas, and with his troops cover his movements and occupy the point on Alatoona Creek north and east of his present position.

IV...Alatoona will be the point of supply as soon as the railroad bridge can be completed, and in the meantime all trains and detachments at Kingston or Burnt Hickory will be directed to Alatoona, to which end Major General Thomas will send his pontoons there, to be laid down until the pier and railroad bridge can be rebuilt.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

L. M. DAYTON,
Aide-de-Camp.

SPECIAL FIELD ORDERS }
 No. 20. }

HEADQUARTERS,
 MILITARY DIVISION OF THE MISSISSIPPI,
In the Field, Acworth, June 6, 1864.

Major General Blair's command is at Kingston, and a good pontoon bridge is laid over Etowah river at the railroad crossing. The General Commanding believes the enemy has gone across Chatahoochee River, though all must be prepared for battle at or near Kenesaw Mountain. The following dispositions will be completed and the army ready to move, on lines to be hereafter designated, by Thursday morning, June 9, 1864, at 6 A. M.

I...Major General Thomas will continue to provide a garrison at Kingston, which, however, will cease to be a depot, but all stores will hereafter be kept as near Alatoona as possible until the railroad bridge is done, when Alatoona will be the main depot, Resacca being discontinued. The two road bridges across the Etowah, near Kingston, will be stripped of their planking, and be guarded by Cavalry. The fords of the Etowah will also be patrolled by Cavalry, and Major General Thomas will keep a small Cavalry force at some convenient point to patrol the country south of the Etowah.

II...Major General McPherson will cause one (1) regiment to guard the railroad bridge now under construction near Alatoona, and the balance of a brigade to hold the mountain pass of Alatoona. Two or more good strong earth redoubts will be located at the eastern extremity of this pass, and must be constructed by the troops, but the commanding officers at Kingston, at the railroad bridge and at Alatoona, will arrest and put to work on these redoubts all soldiers loafing about pretending to seek their regiments, and all skulkers or men sent by Corps Commanders or Provost Marshals to work as a penalty. Captain Poe, Chief Engineer, will lay out the traces of these works, and give instructions as to details.

III...On Thursday morning at daylight, Major General Stoneman will be on the right, reporting with all his effective Cavalry to General Schofield, and General Garrard will be on the left, reporting with all his effective force to Major General McPherson. The utmost care must be taken to graze all horses and mules at every chance. The growing wheat, oats and rye, if used in moderation and frequently, will not injure a mule or horse.

IV...The whole army must be ready to move at daylight, Thursday, supplied for ten (10) days. All empty and surplus wagons to be sent back to the neighborhood of Cartersville and Etowah bridge.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

L. M. DAYTON,
Aide-de-Camp.

SPECIAL FIELD ORDERS } HEADQUARTERS,
No. 21. } MILITARY DIVISION OF THE MISSISSIPPI,
In the Field, Acworth, Ga., June 9, 1864.

The armies will move forward to-morrow morning.

I...Major General Thomas, the centre, on the Burnt Hickory and the Marietta road, and such other roads as he may choose between it and the Acworth and Marietta road, aiming to strike the northern end of Kenesaw Mountain.

II...Major General McPherson will move by the Acworth and Marietta road, with a column following the railroad and his Cavalry well to the left after passing Big Shanty.

III...Major General Schofield will cover his wagons well about Mount Olive Church, and feel well with Cavalry and skirmishers down the road past Hard Shell Church, to ascertain the enemy's strength about Lost Mountain and the ridge connecting it with Kenesaw Mountain: He will not pass the position about Hard Shell Church in force until he is certain Major General Thomas has reached some point on Kenesaw.

IV...The object will be to develop the enemy's position and strength, and to draw Artillery fire from his entrenched works. This army will operate by heads of columns instead of deployed lines of battle, each column covering its head and flanks with good advance of banking skirmishers, and be prepared to deploy promptly according to danger. Entrenched positions will not be attacked without orders. Each head of column will have a good battery of heavy rifled Artillery, and should use it freely against rail and log barricades, and also to indicate the positions of heads of columns. The flank columns will conform their motions to that of the centre. Either column reaching a good military position should entrench it by leaving a brigade, but should not delay its advance.

V...Major General Stoneman's Cavalry will cover the right and Brigadier General Garrard's the left flanks. Brigadier General McCook's Cavalry should be kept to the rear, or to keep up communications.

VI...The movement will begin at six (6) o'clock A. M., and continue until some one of the columns reaches Kenesaw Mountain or until the centre is checked.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

R. M. SAWYER,
Aide-de-Camp.

SPECIAL FIELD ORDERS }
No. 22. }

HEADQUARTERS,
MILITARY DIVISION OF THE MISSISSIPPI,
In the Field, Big Shanty, Ga.,
June 10, 1864.

I...The country from Bridgeport to Alatoona, including Cleveland, Rome, and the country east as far as controlled by our troops, will be styled the "District of the Etowah," and will be under the general supervision and command of Major General Steadman, or the senior officer who may succeed to the command.

II...The officer commanding the District will frequently, in person or by an Inspector General, visit all parts of his District, and be held responsible that telegraph and railroad communications are kept up and made secure to the army in front. To this end, besides arranging the garrisons at the different points, he will have a force in reserve ready to repair to any threatened point.

III...The several commands and detachments now garrisoning the District will continue to belong to the armies from which they were detached, and will make their returns accordingly, but the commanding officer of the District may call for such field reports as may be necessary for him to understand the strength and condition of the command. The strength of the detachments will not be diminished without the consent of the District Commander, or an order from these Headquarters.

IV...Should a necessity arise to insure the safety of our communications, the Commander of the District may detain for a few days troops *in transitu*, reporting promptly to these Headquarters the facts and reasons therefor.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

L. M. DAYTON,
Aide-de-Camp.

SPECIAL FIELD ORDERS }
 No. 23.

HEADQUARTERS,
 MILITARY DIVISION OF THE MISSISSIPPI,
In the Field, June 11, 1864.

The gunboats constructed by the Quartermaster's Department, in the Tennessee River, above Muscle Shoals, having been turned over to the Navy Department for better service and discipline, will nevertheless be supplied by the army Quartermasters and Commissaries of all military posts and stations as though still belonging to the army, and when the commander of any of the gunboats needs assistance of any kind, or detachments of soldiers to aid him in any enterprise, the commanding officer of any military post on or near the Tennessee River will furnish the details if it be possible.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

L. M. DAYTON,
Aide-de-Camp.

SPECIAL FIELD ORDERS }
 No. 24.

HEADQUARTERS,
 MILITARY DIVISION OF THE MISSISSIPPI,
In the Field, Big Shanty, June 12, 1864.

I...During the temporary stay of the army at or near its present locality, the Army of the Tennessee will draw their supplies from the Big Shanty depot, the Army of the Cumberland from Acworth, and the Army of the Ohio from Alatoona.

II...The ration prescribed for men and horses in Special Field Order No. 9 was designed for troops operating at a distance from railroad with the use of wagons or pack animals only. When the army is on a railroad or near it the Chief Commissary and Quartermaster may increase the allowance according to the capacity of the railroad for supply.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

L. M. DAYTON,
Aide-de-Camp.

SPECIAL FIELD ORDERS }
 No. 25.

HEADQUARTERS,
 MILITARY DIVISION OF THE MISSISSIPPI,
In the Field, Big Shanty, June 14, 1864.

The movement to-morrow will be as follows:—

I...During the early part of the day the batteries in position will maintain a pretty brisk fire on the enemy's camps or groups of men and horses, especially at the north base of Kenesaw, at Pine Hill,

and on Schofield's right. The Cavalry of General McPherson will be active on our extreme left, and if possible effect a lodgment on the ridge between Brushy and Kenesaw Mountains. The Cavalry of Generals Thomas and Schofield will be active on our extreme right towards and beyond Lost Mountain. General Stoneman will, if possible, about noon, effect a lodgment on the Lost Mountain.

II...About noon, General McPherson will, with Infantry and Artillery, make a demonstration from his left flank towards the enemy's right, but will not assault his works; and General Schofield will make a similar strong demonstration at a point in front of General Cox's Division, south of Pine Hill. Either of these may be converted into a real movement if the army commander can make a lodgment on any commanding ground to his present front.

III...About 2 P. M., General Thomas will move a strong, well appointed column of attack, and break the enemy's centre at a point east of Pine Hill and west of Kenesaw, where, in his judgment, the chances of success are best—the object being to make a lodgment on the ridge commanding those hills from which the waters flow towards the Chattahoochee. All should be prepared to follow up the advantages, if gained, and the enemy show disorder. Time is important to us, and we must make the best of it.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

L. M. DAYTON,
Aide-de-Camp.

GENERAL ORDERS }
No. 15. }

HEADQUARTERS,
MILITARY DIVISION OF THE MISSISSIPPI,
Nashville, Tenn., June 16, 1864.

During the period of active operations at the front, and until further orders, no cotton or other product of the country south of Nashville, Tennessee, will be permitted to come to this point by railroad.

Owners or producers desiring to bring their products north must do so by private conveyance, as the interests of the service will not admit of the railroads being used for any but purely military purposes.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

R. M. SAWYER,
Assistant Adjutant General

SPECIAL FIELD ORDERS } HEADQUARTERS,
 No. 26. } MILITARY DIVISION OF THE MISSISSIPPI,
In the Field, Big Shanty, June 18, 1864.

I...The 99th Regiment Ohio Volunteer Infantry is hereby transferred from the Department and Army of the Cumberland to the Department and Army of the Ohio, and the commanding officer will report to Major General J. M. Schofield for orders.

II...The 45th Regiment Ohio Volunteer Infantry is hereby transferred from the Department and Army of the Ohio to the Department and Army of the Cumberland, and the commanding officer will report to Major General G. H. Thomas for orders.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

L. M. DAYTON,
Aide-de-Camp.

SPECIAL FIELD ORDERS } HEADQUARTERS,
 No. 27. } MILITARY DIVISION OF THE MISSISSIPPI,
In the Field, June 20, 1864.

I...General McPherson will call forward from Huntsville the Division of John E. Smith to report to General Steadman, and to be posted at Kingston and along the railroad. He will also dispatch the 1st Alabama Cavalry to Rome to scout across toward Gunterville and Gadsden, subject to the orders of the Post and District Commanders.

II...General Thomas will furnish General Steadman a detail of one thousand (1,000) men to be organized as train guard, and as soon as General John E. Smith reaches Kingston he may relieve the detachments now there.

III...There is abundance of fine forage and grass in the valleys of the Etowah and Oostanaula, and any commanders will collect all the stock horses, mules, &c., that are useless to this army and a tax on its forage, and send them to one or other of the detachments guarding the railroad. No forage should be issued to horses at the front, unless they are good Artillery and Cavalry horses, or the horses of officers whose duties require them to be mounted. The special attention of Quartermasters and Inspectors General is called to this subject.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

L. M. DAYTON,
Aide-de-Camp.

SPECIAL FIELD ORDERS } HEADQUARTERS,
 No. 28. } MILITARY DIVISION OF THE MISSISSIPPI,
In the Field, near Kenesaw Mountain,
June 24, 1864.

The army commanders will make full reconnoissances and preparations to attack the enemy in force on the 27th instant at eight (8) o'clock A. M. precisely. The Commanding General will be on "Signal Hill," and will have telegraphic communication with all the army commanders.

I...Major General Thomas will assault the enemy at any point near his centre, to be selected by himself, and will make any changes in his troops necessary by night so as not to attract the attention of the enemy.

II...Major General McPherson will feign by a movement of his Cavalry and one (1) division of Infantry on his extreme left, approaching Marietta from the north, and using Artillery freely; but will make his *real* attack at a point south and west of Kenesaw.

III...Major General Schofield will feel well to his extreme right, and threaten that flank of the enemy with Artillery and display, but attack some one point of the enemy's line as near the Marietta and Powder Spring road as he can with prospect of success.

IV...All commanders will maintain reserve and secrecy, even from their Staff officers, but make all the proper preparations and reconnoissances. When troops are to be shifted to accomplish this attack, the movements will be made at night. At the time of the general attack, the skirmishers at the base of Kenesaw will take the advantage of it to gain, if possible, the summit and hold it.

V...Each attacking column will endeavor to break a single point of the enemy's line, and make a secure lodgment beyond, and be prepared for following it up toward Marietta and the railroad in case of success.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

L. M. DAYTON,
Aide-de-Camp.

GENERAL ORDERS }
 No. 19. }

HEADQUARTERS,
 MILITARY DIVISION OF THE MISSISSIPPI,
Nashville, Tenn., June 25, 1864.

To insure harmony and uniformity of action on the railroads operating within the lines of this command, it is hereby ordered, that hereafter and until further orders, all military conductors on railroads in operation within this Military Division will report to and receive instructions from Captain S. A. Stockdale, Assistant Provost Marshal General, at these Headquarters.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

R. M. SAWYER,
Assistant Adjutant General.

SPECIAL FIELD ORDERS }
 No. 29. }

HEADQUARTERS,
 MILITARY DIVISION OF THE MISSISSIPPI,
In the Field, near Kenesaw Mountain,
June 26, 1864.

I...The question of supplies to an army of this size is one of the greatest possible importance, and calls for a most rigid economy. By comparing issues by the Commissary Department and the reports by army commanders of "effective strength for duty," which embraces officers as well as men, it is found a quantity of provisions is issued daily equal to from fifty to seventy-five per cent. over the "effective strength." This proportion is entirely too large in our present situation, and either the quantity must be reduced or the number of non-effectives be brought within reasonable limits by sending servants and others to the rear. Twenty-five per cent. is deemed a large and reasonable limit, and the Chief Commissary in the field, as well as of all the garrisons and detachments dependent on the railroad south of Nashville, will see that issues are limited to that figure. The Chief Commissaries will be furnished with field reports from superior headquarters, and will call the attention of the proper commanding officers when requisitions exceed the number of men and officers for duty, with twenty-five per cent. added.

II...When, from interruption to railroads or any other cause, supplies cannot be had equal to this standard, the Commissaries will make issues as near as possible, for each ten days in advance, and must scale their issues, so that all parts of the army receive a fair

proportion of each article. When deficiencies occur in the bread or small rations, the Commissary may increase the allowance of fresh beef, if on hand : and the Commanding General will approve the abstract of issues made in compliance with this order of substitution.

III...The effective strength of a brigade, division, corps, or army, will be construed to mean : officers and men present for duty, sick in quarters, extra duty men that are armed, and " in arrest or confinement." Sick in hospital, unless there be a prospect of early recovery, should be sent to a post in the rear.

IV...Unarmed cooks, teamsters, pioneers and laborers are the only proper *non-effectives* with the army. All other persons dependent on our supplies are useless mouths which we cannot afford to feed, and should be sent north of Nashville. Twenty-five per cent. is the maximum allowance of this class of non-effective but useful laborers, specified, and even these should be armed ; the teamsters, especially, should have muskets in strong loops to their wagons, within easy reach ; and cooks, also, might be armed. All details for actual duty will be made on this basis of " effective strength," and if, on inspection, any commanding officer reports an " effective strength " greater than he can immediately parade for battle, his report, return or requisition for stores will be deemed a false report under the Articles of War.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

L. M. DAYTON,
Aide-de-Camp.

SPECIAL FIELD ORDERS } HEADQUARTERS,
No. 31. } MILITARY DIVISION OF THE MISSISSIPPI,
} *In the Field, near Kenesaw Mountain,*
} *July 1, 1864.*

The object of the contemplated movement is to deprive the enemy of the great advantage he has in Kenesaw, as a watch tower from which to observe our every movement ; to force him to come out of his entrenchments or move farther south. To attain which end—

I...All army commanders will fill up their wagons at Big Shanty depot to the utmost with provisions, ammunition and forage. The Chief Quartermaster and Commissary will give all necessary orders

to clean out the depots in front of Alatoona, and so instruct that the locomotives and cars will come forward of Alatoona with great caution, and only when ordered by the Chief Quartermaster.

II...Major General Thomas will hold the ground below Kenesaw as far as Olley's Creek, near Mount Zion; Major General Schofield that from Olley's Creek to the Nickajack, and General McPherson will move his train and troops rapidly in a single march, and as little observed from Kenesaw as possible, to the Sandtown road and down it to the extreme right, with one corps near the Widow Mitchell's, another near Ruff's Mill, on the Nickajack, and the third in reserve near the forks of the road.

III...General Garrard's Cavalry will cover the roads out of Marietta which pass north of Kenesaw, and General Stoneman's Cavalry will occupy Sweetwater Old Town coincident with the movement of McPherson. General McCook will receive orders from General Thomas. In case the enemy presses Garrard back by superior and overwhelming forces, he will send one of his brigades to the flank of General Thomas, and with the others fall back gradually towards Alatoona, disputing every foot of ground.

IV...Major General McPherson will threaten the Chattahoochee river, and also the railroad, and General Thomas will press the enemy close, and, at the very earliest possible moment, break his lines and reach the railroad below Marietta. All movements must be vigorous and rapid, as the time allowed is limited by the supplies in our wagons.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman:

L. M. DAYTON,
Aide-de-Camp.

SPECIAL FIELD ORDERS	}	HEADQUARTERS,
No. 32.		MILITARY DIVISION OF THE MISSISSIPPI, <i>In the Field, near Chattahoochee River,</i> <i>July 10, 1864.</i>

I...The division of General John E. Smith will occupy the Alatoona Pass with a detachment at Kingston and Cartersville, and the brigade now at the Alatoona Pass will occupy Kenesaw Mountain and Big Shanty. The District of the Etowah will be extended to embrace the Kenesaw Mountain.

II...Each of the three armies will have one regiment at Marietta, of the average strength of 330 men, for fatigue duty to unload cars, the commanding officers to report for orders to the Chief Commissary, Colonel Beckwith. Marietta will be the grand depot, but the Chief Quartermaster may arrange to deliver stores in bulk at Ruff's or Vining's stations, according to the facilities of the railroad.

III...Commissaries and Quartermasters must keep ten days' supplies on hand at all times, without special orders to that effect, and the army must be ready for quick, prompt movement, as our future plans depend on the enemy.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

L. M. DAYTON,
Aide-de-Camp.

SPECIAL FIELD ORDERS	}	HEADQUARTERS,
No. 34.		MILITARY DIVISION OF THE MISSISSIPPI, <i>In the Field, near Chattahoochee River,</i> July 12, 1864.

I...The 5th Regiment Iowa Infantry is hereby transferred from the Department of the Tennessee to the Department of the Cumberland. and the commanding officer will report to Major General George H. Thomas for instructions.

II...Captain W. H. Northcutt, 81st Regiment Indiana Volunteers, is hereby relieved from duty as military conductor on the Louisville and Nashville railroad, and will, without delay, report in person to the commanding officer of his regiment in the field.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

L. M. DAYTON,
Aide-de-Camp.

SPECIAL FIELD ORDERS	}	HEADQUARTERS,
No. 35.		MILITARY DIVISION OF THE MISSISSIPPI, <i>In the Field, near Chattahoochee River,</i> July 14, 1864.

Preliminary steps having already begun, the following general plan will be observed and adhered to:—

I...Major General Thomas will prepare to cross his army at Powers' and Paice's Ferries, and take position out from the Chattahoochee River until he controls the country from Island Creek to

Kyle's bridge, over Nancy's Creek, but will not move the whole of General Palmer's and General Hooker's Corps across until he hears that General Stoneman is back from his present expedition. He will endeavor to provide General Stoneman enough pontoon boats, balks and chesses, to make one bridge. He will dispose of General McCook's Cavalry, and detachments of his own Infantry, to watch the Chattahoochee about the old railroad crossing.

II...As soon as General Stoneman returns he will dispose his Cavalry to watch the Chattahoochee at Turner's Ferry and about the mouth of Nickajack, connecting by patrols with General McCook, and will, if possible, procure enough pontoons to make a bridge, ready on the first chance to cross the river about Howell's or Sandtown, and break the Atlanta and West Point railroad and telegraph.

III...Major General Schofield, after having well secured his crossing place at Phillips', will move out toward Cross Keys until he controls the ridge between Island and Nancy's Creeks and the road represented as leading from Roswell to Buckhead.

IV...Major General Blair will, immediately on the return of Major General Stoneman, move rapidly to Roswell and join his army. Major General McPherson will then move his command out either by the Cross Keys road or the old Hightower trail, until he is abreast of Major General Schofield; and General Garrard, with his Cavalry, will scout from McAfee's bridge toward Pinkneyville, and if no enemy is there in force will picket McAfee's bridge and take post on General McPherson's left, about Buchannon's.

V...The whole army will thus form a concave line behind Nancy's Creek, extending from Kyle's bridge to Buchannon's, but no attempt will be made to form a line of battle. Each army will form an unit and connect with its neighbor by a line of pickets. Should the enemy assume the offensive at any point, which is not expected until we reach below Peach Tree Creek, the neighboring army will at once assist the one attacked. All preliminary steps may at once be made, but no corps need move to any great distance from the river until advised that General Stoneman is back.

VI...Major General Thomas will study well the country towards Decatur; *via* Buckhead; Major General Schofield to a point of the railroad four (4) miles northeast of Decatur, and Major General

McPherson and General Garrard that towards Stone Mountain. Each army should leave behind the Chattahoochee River, at its bridge, or at Marietta, all wagons or encumbrances not absolutely needed for battle. A week's work, after crossing the Chattahoochee, should determine the first object aimed at, viz: the possession of the Atlanta and Augusta road, east of Decatur, or of Atlanta itself.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman:

L. M. DAYTON,
Aide-de-Camp.

GENERAL ORDERS }
No. 20. }

HEADQUARTERS,
MILITARY DIVISION OF THE MISSISSIPPI,
Nashville, Tenn., July 13, 1864.

I...The grain and hay raised in the State of Tennessee being required for the use of the army, its exportation from the State is positively prohibited.

II...The Quartermaster's Department will purchase the grain and hay required for consumption by the army.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman:

R. M. SAWYER,
Assistant Adjutant General.

SPECIAL FIELD ORDERS }
No. 36. }

HEADQUARTERS,
MILITARY DIVISION OF THE MISSISSIPPI,
In the Field, Chattahoochee July 17, 1864.

The operations of the army for to-morrow, the 18th July, will be as follows:—

I...Major General Thomas will move forward, occupy Buckhead and the ridge between Nancy's Creek and Peach Tree, also all the roads toward Atlanta as far as Peach Tree Creek.

II...Major General Schofield will pass through Cross Keys, and occupy the Peach Tree road where intersected by the road from Cross Keys to Decatur.

III...Major General McPherson will move toward Stone Mountain to secure strong ground within four (4) miles of General Schofield's position, and push Brigadier General Garrard's Cavalry to the rail-

road, and destroy some section of the road, and then resume position to the front and left of General McPherson.

IV...All armies will communicate with their neighbors. The General-in-Chief will be near General Thomas' left or near General Schofield.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

L. M. DAYTON,
Aide-de-Camp.

Memoranda to S. F. O. No. 36.

July 17, 1864.

The map composed of two parts of the official compilation made at Marietta, July 5th and 11th, 1864, is the best, and will be the standard for orders issued from these Headquarters. As a general rule, old roads will be found to lead to Decatur, but new roads to Atlanta. The general country is very hilly and stony, but improves south and east as we approach the head of the Ocmulgee. Peach Tree Creek is considerable of a stream, but fordable at all points east of the main road from Buckhead to Atlanta. The first real lines to be found will be on the old Peach Tree road, which starts at Turner's Ferry, keeps near the Chattahoochee, crosses Peach Tree at Moore's Mill and on a main ridge by Buckhead, Buchanon's and Pinkneyville. Our first line must be in front of this road, leaving it clear for communication. General Thomas the right, General Schofield the centre, and General McPherson the left. General Thomas will move substantially on Atlanta, General Schofield on Decatur, and General McPherson, with General Garrard's Cavalry, is charged with the destruction of the railroad between Decatur and Stone Mountain. As soon as the road is broken, all the armies will close on General Thomas, occupying the main roads east of Atlanta, or, in other words, the line swung across the railroad near Decatur. General Thomas will press close on Atlanta, will not assault *real* works, but not be deterred by Cavalry or light defenses. General Schofield will threaten the neighborhood of Decatur, but Generals McPherson and Garrard will risk much and break the railroad during the 18th or 19th.

(Signed)

W. T. SHERMAN,
Major General, Commanding.

SPECIAL FIELD ORDERS }
 No. 37. }

HEADQUARTERS,
 MILITARY DIVISION OF THE MISSISSIPPI,
In the Field, near Cross Keys,
 July 18, 1864.

The movements of the army to-morrow, July 19th, will be as follows:—

I...Major General Thomas will press down from the north on Atlanta, holding in strength the line of Peach Tree, but crossing and threatening the enemy at all accessible points to hold him there, and also taking advantage of any ground gained, especially on the extreme right.

II...Major General Schofield will move direct on Decatur and gain a footing on the railroad, holding it, breaking the road and telegraph wire.

III...Major General McPherson will move along the railroad toward Decatur, and break the telegraph wires and the railroad. In case of the sounds of serious battle, he will close in on General Schofield, but otherwise will keep every man of his command at work in destroying the railroad, by tearing up track, burning the ties and iron, and twisting the bars when hot. Officers should be instructed that bars simply bent may be used again, but if, when red hot, they are twisted out of line, they cannot be used again. Pile the ties into shape for a bonfire, put the rails across, and when red hot in the middle, let a man at each end twist the bar so that its surface become spiral. General McPherson will dispatch General Garrard's Cavalry eastward along the line of the railroad to continue the destruction as far as deemed prudent.

IV...All the troops should be in motion at five (5) o'clock A. M., and should not lose a moment's time until night, when the lines should be closed on General Schofield about Peavine and Decatur.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman:

L. M. DAYTON,
Aide-de-Camp.

SPECIAL FIELD ORDERS } HEADQUARTERS,
 No. 39. } MILITARY DIVISION OF THE MISSISSIPPI,
In the Field, near Decatur, Ga.,
July 19, 1864.

The whole army will move on Atlanta by the most direct roads to-morrow, July 20th, beginning at five (5) o'clock A. M., as follows:—

I...Major General Thomas from the direction of Buckhead, his left to connect with General Schofield's right about two (2) miles northeast of Atlanta about lot 15, near the houses marked as Howard and Colonel Hooker.

II...Major General Schofield by the road leading from Doctor Powell's to Atlanta.

III...Major General McPherson will follow one or more roads direct from Decatur to Atlanta, following substantially the railroad.

Each army commander will accept battle on anything like fair terms, but if the army reach within cannon range of the city without receiving Artillery or musketry fire, he will halt, form a strong line, with batteries in position, and await orders. If fired on from the forts or buildings of Atlanta, no consideration will be paid to the fact that they are occupied by families, but the place must be cannonaded without the formality of a demand.

The General-in-Chief will be with the centre of the army, viz: with or near General Schofield.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman:

L. M. DAYTON,
Aide-de-Camp.

SPECIAL FIELD ORDERS } HEADQUARTERS,
 No. 40. } MILITARY DIVISION OF THE MISSISSIPPI,
In the Field, near Atlanta, Ga.,
July 21, 1864.

The operations of the army to-morrow, July 22d, will be as follows:—

I...Major Generals McPherson, Schofield and Howard will open a careful Artillery fire on the town of Atlanta, directing their shots so as to produce the best effect; and each commander will endeavor to advance his line, if it can be done without a direct assault on the enemy's parapets held in force. They will keep their men well in hand to repel assault, or to follow to the enemy's main line of entrenchments.

II...Major General Thomas will put the whole or a part of General McCook's Cavalry to watch the peninsula between Peach Tree Creek and the Chattahoochee, and will press his lines forward close upon the enemy, endeavoring to advance his right so as to extend across the railroad and main road from Marietta.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

L. M. DAYTON,
Aide-de-Camp.

SPECIAL FIELD ORDERS }
No. 41. }

HEADQUARTERS,
MILITARY DIVISION OF THE MISSISSIPPI,
In the Field, near Atlanta, Ga.,
July 22, 1864.

The enemy having to-day withdrawn into his entrenchments at Atlanta, and having assaulted our left, the following general plan will be observed for to-morrow, July 23d, 1864:—

All the armies will entrench a strong front on their present lines, and will hold in reserve as much Infantry as possible for offensive operations. Good batteries will be constructed for the Artillery, and a steady fire kept up on the City of Atlanta.

II...The trains will be kept behind the main centre, Major General Howard's Corps, or close up to their own reserves, and in the event of the enemy assaulting at any point, all others should assault the enemy to their immediate front. By carrying any one point of the enemy's present line, his whole position becomes untenable.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

L. M. DAYTON,
Aide-de-Camp.

GENERAL ORDERS }
No. 21. }

HEADQUARTERS,
MILITARY DIVISION OF THE MISSISSIPPI,
Nashville, Tenn., July 25, 1864.

I...General Orders No. 20, current series, from these Headquarters, is extended to include the prohibition of the exportation from this State of any agricultural produce of the kinds required for the army.

II...The use of grain for distillation within this State is prohibited.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

R. M. SAWYER,
Assistant Adjutant General.

SPECIAL FIELD ORDERS }
 No. 42. }

HEADQUARTERS,
 MILITARY DIVISION OF THE MISSISSIPPI,
In the Field, near Atlanta, Ga.,
July 25, 1864.

I...The several armies and bodies of Cavalry will watch the enemy closely to their respective fronts, and in case the enemy retreats towards the southeast, General Schofield will follow directly through Atlanta, General Thomas by roads on his right, and General Logan on his left. Generals Stoneman's and Garrard's Cavalry will move by a circle to the left towards McDonough, break the railroad and strike the enemy in front or flank; and General McCook's and Colonel Harrison's Cavalry will move rapidly on Fayetteville and the railroad beyond, breaking it, if possible, in advance of the enemy, and striking the enemy in flank.

II...Should the enemy remain, as now, on the defensive, inside of the fortifications of Atlanta, the Macon road must be attacked by Cavalry beyond Fayetteville and McDonough, and the Infantry must cover the line from the Howard House, General Schofield's present centre, to General Davis' position on the right, and the line extended east and south so as to reach or threaten the railroad towards East Point. To this end Generals Stoneman and Garrard will call in all detachments and send to-morrow to Roswell, or in rear of the Infantry, all crippled stock and encumbrances, prepared to move at daylight the next morning by a circuit to the left, so as to reach the railroad below McDonough.

General Stoneman will command this Cavalry force, but will spare General Garrard's fatigued horses as much as possible, using that command as a reserve, and his own as the force with which to reach and break the railroad. In like manner General McCook will command the joint Cavalry command, his own, and of Colonel Harrison's, but will use Colonel Harrison's fatigued command as a reserve, and his own to reach the road and break it.

The railroad, when reached, must be substantially destroyed for a space of from two to five miles; telegraph wires pulled down, as far as possible, and hid in water or carried away.

III...Major General Schofield will prepare to draw back his left division to the old rebel line, extending back from the Howard House towards the road by which General Stanley advanced, and be prepared, on the withdrawal of the Army of the Tennessee, to hold that line as the left flank of the Grand Army.

IV...Major General Logan will to-morrow send all his trains and sick and impediments to the rear of General Thomas, to any point near the mouth of Peach Tree Creek, and during the early morning, by moonlight, of the next day, viz: Wednesday, July 27th, withdraw his army, corps by corps, and move it to the right, forming on General Palmer, and advancing the right as much as possible.

V...Major General Thomas having strongly fortified his front, will hold it by an adequate force and hold the reserves at points most convenient to move to the right, from which point he will strike and destroy the railroad, or so occupy the attention of the enemy that the Cavalry may do its work completely and effectually.

VI...The Cavalry will, unless otherwise ordered, move out at daylight of Wednesday, 27th inst., and aim to reach and break the railroad during the day or night of the 28th, and having accomplished this work will return to their proper flanks of the army, unless the enemy should be discovered in retreat, when each force described will hang on the flanks of the retreating enemy and obstruct his retreat by all the energy in their power.

VII...All commanders will arrange that their trains be moved behind the Chattahoochee, or behind the centre of the army during the time the Cavalry is absent in the execution of this duty.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman:

L. M. DAYTON,

Aide-de-Camp.

SPECIAL FIELD ORDERS }
No. 43. }

HEADQUARTERS,
MILITARY DIVISION OF THE MISSISSIPPI,
In the Field, near Atlanta, Ga.,
July 26, 1864.

I...Upon the application of Major General John A. Logan, commanding the Army of the Tennessee in the field, Brigadier General J. M. Corse, Acting Inspector General of this army, is hereby relieved, and assigned to duty with the Army and Department of the Tennessee, and will report in person to General Logan, that he may be assigned to duty according to his rank with troops.

II...The General commanding in thus relieving General Corse from a purely Staff position to enable him to accept the higher and more appropriate one in connection with troops in actual service, thanks him for the personal and official services rendered during the present campaign near his person.

III...Captain E. D. Denig, Assistant Adjutant General, Volunteers, is hereby transferred from the Department and Army of the Ohio to the Department and Army of the Cumberland, and will report without delay to Major General George H. Thomas, in the field.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

L. M. DAYTON,
Aide-de-Camp.

SPECIAL FIELD ORDERS } No. 44. }	<hr style="width: 10%; margin: 0 auto;"/> HEADQUARTERS, MILITARY DIVISION OF THE MISSISSIPPI, <i>In the Field, near Atlanta, Ga.,</i> July 26, 1864.
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I...By direction of the President of the United States, Major General O. O. Howard, United States Volunteers, is assigned to command the Department and Army of the Tennessee. He will at once assume command of the Army of the Tennessee in the field.

II...Major General George H. Thomas, commanding the Department and Army of the Cumberland, will relieve General Howard of the command of the Fourth Army Corps, that he may enter upon his new command, and will assign a General to command the Fourth Corps until the orders of the President are received.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

L. M. DAYTON,
Aide-de-Camp.

SPECIAL FIELD ORDERS } No. 46. }	<hr style="width: 10%; margin: 0 auto;"/> HEADQUARTERS, MILITARY DIVISION OF THE MISSISSIPPI, <i>In the Field, near Atlanta, Ga.,</i> July 30, 1864.
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I...In pursuance of notification from the Inspector General's Department at Washington, D. C., it is hereby announced that the President of the United States has this day appointed the following officers, viz:—

Colonel William Grose, 36th Indiana Volunteers,
Colonel Charles C. Walcutt, 46th Ohio Volunteers,
Colonel James P. Reilly, 104th Ohio Volunteers,
Colonel Luther P. Bradley, 51st Illinois Volunteers,
Colonel John W. Sprague, 63d Ohio Volunteers,
Colonel James A. Cooper, 6th Tennessee Volunteers,

Colonel John T. Croxton, 4th Kentucky Volunteers,
Colonel William W. Belknap, 15th Iowa Volunteers,
as Brigadier Generals of Volunteers.

II...The several Department and army commanders with whom these officers are serving will at once assign them to duty according to their rank with troops.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

L. M. DAYTON,
Aide-de-Camp.

SPECIAL FIELD ORDERS }
No. 48. }

HEADQUARTERS,
MILITARY DIVISION OF THE MISSISSIPPI,
In the Field, near Atlanta, Ga.,
August 1, 1864.

I...During the next series of operations, General Thomas will be the left, General Howard centre, and General Schofield the right army. The two divisions of Generals Davis and Ward will continue to be held in reserve toward the right, and in case the enemy attack that flank these divisions will report to, and during the action obey, General Schofield's orders. When not engaged, General Thomas will post them so as to cover his communications from danger coming from the southeast.

II...Brigadier General Garrard's Cavalry will relieve General Schofield on the left and occupy in part his trenches, patrol the roads about Decatur, and picket toward Roswell. He will report to General Thomas, and be prepared to sally out as Cavalry, from his trenches, in case of necessity.

III...All trains of wagons going to and from the depots of Vining's and Marietta will follow roads converging at the railroad bridge, and never go north of Buckhead or south of Turner's.

IV...General Thomas will cause a new Infantry flank to be prepared on his left, north of the Buckhead road, connecting General Stanley's front lines with the old rebel parapet near Peach Tree Creek.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

L. M. DAYTON,
Aide-de-Camp.

SPECIAL FIELD ORDERS }
 No. 49. }

HEADQUARTERS,
 MILITARY DIVISION OF THE MISSISSIPPI,
In the Field, near Atlanta,
August 2, 1864.

I...Brigadier General T. E. G. Ransom, United States Volunteers, having, in pursuance of Special Orders No. 34, Par. 4, dated Headquarters Armies of the United States, June 12, 1864, reported for duty, is hereby assigned to duty with the Department and Army of the Tennessee, and will report in person to Major General O. O. Howard, commanding.

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By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

L. M. DAYTON,
Aide-de-Camp.

SPECIAL FIELD ORDERS }
 No. 50. }

HEADQUARTERS,
 MILITARY DIVISION OF THE MISSISSIPPI,
In the Field, near Atlanta Ga.,
August 3, 1864.

I...The 1st Regiment of Missouri Engineers and Mechanics is hereby transferred from the Department of the Cumberland to the Department of the Tennessee, and will proceed with all dispatch to join the army in the field, reporting to Major General O. O. Howard, commanding.

II...The Quartermaster's Department at Nashville will furnish transportation by cars for the men and tools.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

L. M. DAYTON,
Aide-de-Camp.

SPECIAL FIELD ORDERS }
 No. 51. }

HEADQUARTERS,
 MILITARY DIVISION OF THE MISSISSIPPI,
In the Field, near Atlanta, Ga.,
August 4, 1864.

The order of movement of the army to-day will be as follows :—

I...Major General Schofield, with his own command and General Palmer's Corps, will move directly on the railroad which leads south out of Atlanta, at any point between Whitehall and East Point, and

will not stop until he has absolute control of that railroad ; but must not extend more to the right than is absolutely necessary to that end.

II...Major Generals Thomas and Howard will press close on the enemy at all points, and reinforce well the points of the line where the enemy is most likely to sally, viz: on the Decatur, Buckhead, and Turner's Ferry roads, but more especially watch the outlet along the railroad, viz: General Williams' front.

III...On the right we must assume the offensive, and every man be prepared to fight, leaving knapsacks, &c., in the present trenches. Wagons will not be taken east of Utoy Creek until General Schofield has secured position on the railroad, or so near it that it can be reached by musket balls and cannister. If necessary, to secure this end, ordinary parapets must be charged and carried, and every hour's delay enables the enemy to strengthen. Therefore let it be done to-day.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

L. M. DAYTON,

Aide-de-Camp.

SPECIAL FIELD ORDERS }
No. 52. }

HEADQUARTERS,
MILITARY DIVISION OF THE MISSISSIPPI,
In the Field, near Atlanta,
August 5, 1864.

I...Brigadier General John McArthur is hereby assigned to the command of the district of country embracing Kenesaw, Marietta, Roswell, and the west bank of the Chattahoochee River and the Sweetwater.

1. He is charged with guarding the railroad from Big Shanty to the Chattahoochee, and protecting our stores at Marietta and Vining's.

2. He will personally visit the points of interest and distribute the troops embraced in his command according to his judgment, and cause redoubts and block houses to be at once made, to give additional security to the railroad and places of deposit.

3. He will cause camps to be prepared, one for each of the armies in the field, where he will assemble the detachments of recruits and convalescents arriving, and sick and discharged men going to the rear, and give dispatch to their movements.

4. He will report to and receive instructions directly from these Headquarters.

II...In pursuance of orders from Lieutenant General Grant, commanding the Armies of the United States, the 10th Regiment Illinois Infantry Volunteers is hereby transferred from the Department and Army of the Cumberland to the Department of the Tennessee, and the commanding officer will report to Major General O. O. Howard, commanding.

III...In order that the relative strength of the armies may remain unchanged, the 17th Regiment New York Volunteers, Infantry, is hereby transferred from the Department of the Tennessee to the Department of the Cumberland, and the commanding officer will report to Major General Geo. H. Thomas, commanding.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

L. M. DAYTON,
Aide-de-Camp.

SPECIAL FIELD ORDERS } HEADQUARTERS,
No. 53. } MILITARY DIVISION OF THE MISSISSIPPI,
In the Field, near Atlanta,
August 7, 1864.

I...The following officers, being the seniors of their departments with the army in the field, are hereby relieved from duty with the Department of the Cumberland, and will in person report at these Headquarters for duty, viz:—

Lieutenant Colonel L. C. Easton, Chief Quartermaster.
Captain T. G. Baylor, Chief Ordnance Officer.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

L. M. DAYTON,
Aide-de-Camp.

GENERAL ORDERS } HEADQUARTERS,
No. 22. } MILITARY DIVISION OF THE MISSISSIPPI,
Nashville, Tenn., August 12, 1864.

I...Deserters from the rebel army required by standing orders to be sent north of the Ohio river and discharged, as well as refugees, male and female, escaping from the dangers of civil war at the South, will, on arrival at Cairo or Louisville, be forwarded at the

expense of the United States, if unable to pay their own way, to Cincinnati or St. Louis by water, or to any point not over one hundred miles by railroad.

II...Commanding officers at Cairo and Louisville will, through the agents of the Christian Commission or labor agencies, endeavor to put this class of people in the way of honest employment as much as possible.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

R. M. SAWYER,

Assistant Adjutant General.

SPECIAL FIELD ORDERS }
No. 54. }

HEADQUARTERS,
MILITARY DIVISION OF THE MISSISSIPPI,
In the Field, near Atlanta,
August 12, 1864.

I...Captain J. H. Hogan, Company "G," 1st Regiment Alabama Cavalry, is hereby assigned as Ordnance officer in charge of a general field ordnance depot for supplying the army in the field, and will report to Captain T. G. Baylor, Chief of Ordnance Military Division of the Mississippi, for instructions.

II...All ordnance and ordnance stores at the present field depots will be turned over to Captain Hogan, and these depots discontinued.

III...The 9th Regiment Ohio Cavalry Volunteers is hereby transferred from the Department and Army of the Tennessee to the Department and Army of the Ohio, and the commanding officer will report to Major General J. M. Schofield, commanding Department.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

L. M. DAYTON,

Aide-de-Camp.

SPECIAL FIELD ORDERS }
No. 55. }

HEADQUARTERS,
MILITARY DIVISION OF THE MISSISSIPPI,
In the Field, near Atlanta,
August 14, 1864.

I...Brigadier General W. B. Hazen, United States Volunteers, with the consent of his present commanding officers, is hereby transferred from the Department of the Cumberland to the Department of the Tennessee, and will report in person to Major General O. O. Howard, commanding, that he may be assigned to the command of a division according to his rank.

II...Captain W. N. Bucke, 52d Regiment Ohio Volunteers, Infantry, is hereby relieved from duty as Military Conductor of United States railroads, Military Division of the Mississippi, and will, without delay, report to the commanding officer of his regiment in the field.

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By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

L. M. DAYTON,
Aide-de-Camp.

SPECIAL FIELD ORDERS } HEADQUARTERS,
No. 56. } MILITARY DIVISION OF THE MISSISSIPPI,
} *In the Field, near Atlanta, August 15, 1864.*

I...Captain Emanuel Giesy, Assistant Quartermaster, United States Volunteers, is hereby transferred from the Department of the Cumberland to the Department of the Tennessee, and will report in person to Major General O. O. Howard, commanding.

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By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

L. M. DAYTON,
Aide-de-Camp.

SPECIAL FIELD ORDERS } HEADQUARTERS,
No. 57. } MILITARY DIVISION OF THE MISSISSIPPI,
} *In the Field, near Atlanta, August 16, 1864.*

The movement of the army against the Macon railroad will begin Thursday night, August 18th, and will be continued on the following general plan :—

I...All army commanders will send across the Chattahoochee River, and within the old rebel works at the bridge, and down as far as Turner's Ferry, all surplus wagons, horses, men and materials not absolutely necessary to the success of the expedition, and will collect in their wagons with best teams bread, meat, sugar, coffee, &c., for fifteen (15) days after the nineteenth (19th) instant, and ammunition, and park them near Utoy Creek.

First move.—General Kilpatrick's Cavalry will move to Camp Creek ; General Schofield will cover the Campbelton road, and General Thomas will move one corps (General Williams') to the Chat-

tahoochee bridge, with orders to hold it—Paice's Ferry bridge and a pontoon bridge (Captain Kossack's) at Turner's Ferry, ready to be laid down if necessary. The other corps, General Stanley's, will move south of Proctor's Creek to near the Utoy, behind the right centre of the Army of the Tennessee, prepared to cover the Bell's Ferry road. General Garrard's Cavalry will fall behind Peach Tree Creek and act against the enemy should he sally against General Williams' or General Stanley's Corps during the movement.

Second move.—The Army of the Tennessee will withdraw, cross Utoy Creek, and move by the most direct road towards Fairborn, going as far as Camp Creek. General Thomas will mass his two corps, Generals Stanley's and Johnson's, below Utoy Creek, and General Garrard's Cavalry will join General Thomas by the most direct road, or by way of Sandtown bridge, and act with him during the rest of the move.

General Schofield will advance abreast of and in communication with the Army of the Tennessee as far as Camp Creek.

Third move.—The Armies of the Ohio and Tennessee will move direct for the West Point road, aiming to strike it between Red Oak and Fairborn. General Thomas will follow, well closed up in two columns, the trains between. General Kilpatrick will act as the advance, and General Garrard will cover the rear under direction of General Thomas.

The bridges at Sandtown will be kept and protected by a detachment of Cavalry detailed by General Elliott, with a section of guns or four (4) gun battery.

II...During the movement, and until the army returns to the river, the utmost care will be taken to expose as little as possible the trains of cars and wagons. The depots at the bridge at Alatoona and Marietta will be held against any attack, and communication kept up with the army as far as possible by way of Sandtown. On reaching any railroad the troops will at once be disposed for defense, and at least one-third put to work to tear up track, and destroy iron, ties and all railroad materials.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman:

L. M. DAYTON,
Aide-de-Camp.

SPECIAL FIELD ORDERS } HEADQUARTERS,
 No. 58. } MILITARY DIVISION OF THE MISSISSIPPI,
In the Field, near Atlanta, August 19, 1864.

I...Brigadier General R. W. Johnson, United States Volunteers, is hereby announced as Chief of Cavalry of the Military Division of the Mississippi. He will take post at Headquarters, Nashville, Tennessee.

II...General Johnson, as Chief of Cavalry, will have charge of all remounts, care of horses that are issued to the Cavalry by the Quartermaster's Department or by the purchasing officers of the Cavalry Bureau, will direct their issue, and determine the order in which horses shall be issued, giving preference always to the best Cavalry troops dismounted, or to such as take best care of their horses.

III...He will, from time to time, make inspection of the different Cavalry commands; will make his reports to the head of the Cavalry Bureau, Washington, D. C., and to these Headquarters, and may call for reports of all men, horses, equipments, arms, &c., pertaining to that branch of service in this command.

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By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

L. M. DAYTON,
Aide-de-Camp.

SPECIAL FIELD ORDERS } HEADQUARTERS,
 No. 59. } MILITARY DIVISION OF THE MISSISSIPPI,
In the Field, near Atlanta,
August 23, 1864.

In order to carry out the provisions of the act of Congress approved July 2, 1864, and the regulations of the Secretary of the Treasury relative to trade and intercourse with States and parts of States in insurrection, and to make the operations of trade just and fair, both as to the people and to the merchant, the following general rules will be observed in this Military Division, as near as the state of the country will permit :

I...All trade is prohibited near armies in the field or moving columns of troops, save that necessary to supply the wants of the troops themselves. Quartermasters and Commissaries will take such supplies as are needed in the countries passed through, leaving

receipts and taking the articles up on their returns. When cotton is found, and transportation to the rear is easy and does not interfere with the supplies to the army dependent upon the route, the Quartermaster will ship the cotton to the Quartermaster at Nashville or Memphis, who will deliver it to the agent of the Treasury Department. It will be treated as captured property of an enemy and invoiced accordingly. No claim of private interest in it will be entertained by the military authorities.

II...In Departments and Military Districts embracing a country within our military control, the commanders of such Departments and Districts may permit a trade in articles not contraband of war or damaging to the operations of the army at the front, through the properly appointed agents and sub-agents of the Treasury Department, to an extent proportionate to the necessities of the peaceful and worthy inhabitants of the localities described; but as trade and the benefits of civil government are conditions not only of fidelity of the people, but also of an ability to maintain peace and order in their District, county or locality, commanding officers will give notice that all trade will cease where guerrillas are tolerated or encouraged, and moreover, that in such Districts and localities the army or detachments sent to maintain the peace must be maintained by the District or locality that tolerates or encourages such guerrillas.

III...All military officers will assist the agents of the Treasury Department in securing possession of all abandoned property and estates subject to confiscation under the law.

IV...The use of weapons for hunting purposes is too dangerous to be allowed at this time, and therefore the introduction of all arms and powder, percussion caps, bullets, shot, lead, or anything used in connection with firearms, is prohibited absolutely, save by the proper agents of the United States; and when the inhabitants require and can be trusted with such things for self defense, or for aiding in maintaining the peace and safety of their families and property, commanding officers may issue the same out of the public stores in limited quantities.

V...Medicines and clothing, as well as salt, meats and provisions, being quasi-contraband of war, according to the condition of the district or locality where offered for sale, will be regulated by local commanders in connection with the agents of the Treasury Department.

VI...In articles non-contraband, such as the clothing needed for women and children, groceries and imported articles, the trade should be left to the Treasury agents as matters too unimportant to be noticed by military men.

VII...When military officers can indicate a preference to the class of men allowed to trade, they will always give preference to men who have served the Government as soldiers, and are wounded or incapacitated from further service by such wounds or sickness. Men who manifest loyalty by oaths, and nothing more, are entitled to live, but not to ask favors of a Government that demands acts and personal sacrifices.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

L. M. DAYTON,

Aide-de-Camp.

SPECIAL FIELD ORDERS }
No. 60. }

HEADQUARTERS,
MILITARY DIVISION OF THE MISSISSIPPI,
In the Field, near Atlanta.

August 24, 1864.

It being represented by A. W. Smith, special agent for the Post Office Department, that the mail cars are daily encumbered with about fifty men detailed by divisions, brigades and regiments, who profess to be after their mails, but are in reality engaged in traffic, it is ordered :

I...The special agent of the Post Office Department will bring the army mail to the nearest practicable point by rail to the army, and there deliver the bags only to corps messengers, duly appointed by a corps order approved by the army commander.

II...Each army corps commander will arrange to receive his mail of the agent of the Post Office Department at the end of the railroad, and will have it brought to his Headquarters, and there distributed to divisions, brigades and regiments, according to his own plan.

III...Army commanders, viz: Cumberland, Tennessee and Ohio, may send special messengers through to Nashville, Chattanooga and Knoxville and back, but these must confine their business to that defined in their written orders. The same privilege cannot be conceded to any others, because we have not the facilities and quantity of cars needed for more than the absolute necessities of the army.

IV...Captain H. C. Rice, Company "F," 46th Regiment Ohio Volunteers, is hereby detailed as Military Conductor on United States military railroads, and will report to Colonel Parkhurst, Provost Marshal General Department of the Cumberland.

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By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

L. M. DAYTON,
Aide-de-Camp.

GENERAL ORDERS }
No. 24. }

HEADQUARTERS,
MILITARY DIVISION OF THE MISSISSIPPI,
Nashville, Tenn., August 26, 1864.

Pursuant to assignment by the Secretary of War, Colonel Langdon C. Easton, Quartermaster, U. S. Army, is hereby announced as Chief Quartermaster of the Military Division of the Mississippi.

He will be respected accordingly.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

R. M. SAWYER,
Assistant Adjutant General.

SPECIAL FIELD ORDERS }
No. 62. }

HEADQUARTERS,
MILITARY DIVISION OF THE MISSISSIPPI,
In the Field, near Lovejoy's,
September 3, 1864.

The General commanding announces with great pleasure that he has official information that our troops under Major General Slocum occupied Atlanta yesterday, at eleven o'clock A. M., the enemy having evacuated the night before, destroyed vast magazines of stores, and blowing up, among other things, eighty car loads of ammunition, which accounts for the sounds heard by us on the night of the 1st inst. Our present task is therefore well done, and all work of destruction on the railroad will cease.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

L. M. DAYTON,
Aide-de-Camp.

SPECIAL FIELD ORDERS } HEADQUARTERS,
 No. 63. } MILITARY DIVISION OF THE MISSISSIPPI,
In the Field, near Lovejoy's, Sept. 3, 1864.

I...Army commanders will, during to-day, send to Jonesboro' all sick and wounded men, all empty wagons and prisoners of war, also all surplus wheels not needed for a five days' stay in front, ready to start to-morrow morning at six o'clock from Jonesboro' for Atlanta. Each army will send a regiment to escort these wagons, and General Thomas will send an experienced Colonel to conduct the train into Atlanta, there to await further orders.

II...The army will be prepared to move back to-morrow or next day—the Army of the Cumberland to Atlanta and Chattahoochee bridge, the Army of the Tennessee to East Point, and the Army of the Ohio to Decatur. Major General Thomas will have General Garrard's Cavalry ready to act as rear guard.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

L. M. DAYTON,
Aide-de-Camp.

SPECIAL FIELD ORDERS } HEADQUARTERS,
 No. 64. } MILITARY DIVISION OF THE MISSISSIPPI,
In the Field, near Lovejoy's, Sept. 4, 1864.

The army having accomplished its undertaking in the complete reduction and occupation of Atlanta, will occupy the place and the country near it, until a new campaign is planned in concert with the other grand armies of the United States.

I...The army of the Cumberland will occupy the city and its communications with Chattanooga, the Army of the Tennessee will occupy East Point and the right flank, and the Army of the Ohio the town of Decatur and the left flank. The Cavalry will occupy Sandtown, Roswell, and other points on the flanks and along our line of communication.

II...To withdraw to the posts herein designated, the Army of the Cumberland will withdraw—

1st—To Jonesboro';

2d—To Rough and Ready, and

3d—To Atlanta, leaving the Cavalry to bring up the rear in the manner herein prescribed.

III...The Army of the Tennessee will move in concert with that of the Cumberland—

1st—To its old position near Jonesboro’;

2d—Across the Flint River to about Morrow’s Mill, and

3d—To East Point and the head of Camp Creek.

IV...The Army of the Ohio will also move in concert with that of the Cumberland—

1st—To a point near Jonesboro’;

2d—To some point within two miles and east of Rough and Ready; and last, to Decatur.

V...General Kilpatrick’s Cavalry will cover the left rear of the Army of the Tennessee, and that of General Garrard the right rear of the Army of the Ohio, until they reach the positions assigned in this order, when the Cavalry commands will move to the points designated, viz: Sandtown and Roswell.

VI...The General-in-Chief will give notice when the movement will begin, and, after reaching Atlanta, will establish Headquarters in Atlanta, and afford the army an opportunity to have a full month’s rest, with every chance to organize, receive pay, replenish clothing, and prepare for a fine winter’s campaign.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

L. M. DAYTON,
Aide-de-Camp.

SPECIAL FIELD ORDERS }
No. 66. }

HEADQUARTERS,
MILITARY DIVISION OF THE MISSISSIPPI,
In the Field, near Jonesboro, Ga.,
September 6, 1864.

I...The General-in-Chief communicates with a feeling of just pride and satisfaction the following orders of the President of the United States, and telegram of Lieutenant General U. S. Grant, on hearing of the capture of Atlanta :—

1st—

“ EXECUTIVE MANSION,
“ *Washington, D. C., September 3, 1864.*

“ The national thanks are rendered by the President to Major General W. T. Sherman and the gallant officers and soldiers of his command before Atlanta, for the distinguished ability, courage and perseverance displayed in the campaign in Georgia which, under Divine favor, has resulted in the capture of the

city of Atlanta. The marches, battles, sieges, and other military operations that have signalized the campaign, must render it famous in the annals of war, and have entitled those who have participated therein to the applause and thanks of the nation.

“(Signed)

ABRAHAM LINCOLN,

“*President of the United States.*”

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“EXECUTIVE MANSION,

“*Washington City, September 3, 1864.*”

“Ordered :

“*First*: That on Monday, the 5th day of September, commencing at the hour of twelve o'clock, noon, there shall be given a salute of one hundred (100) guns at the Arsenal and Navy Yard, Washington, and on Tuesday, the 6th day of September, or on the day after the receipt of this order, at each arsenal and navy yard in the United States, for the recent brilliant achievements of the fleet and land forces of the United States, in the harbor of Mobile, and in the reduction of Fort Powell, Fort Gaines and Fort Morgan. The Secretary of War and Secretary of Navy will issue the necessary directions, in their respective Departments, for the execution of this order.

“*Second*: That on Wednesday, the 7th day of September, commencing at the hour of twelve o'clock, m., there shall be fired a salute of one hundred (100) guns at the Arsenal at Washington, and at New York, Boston, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Pittsburg, Newport, (Kentucky,) St. Louis, New Orleans, Mobile, Pensacola, Hilton Head and Newbern, or the day after the receipt of this order, for the brilliant achievements of the army under command of Major General Sherman in the State of Georgia, and the capture of Atlanta. The Secretary of War will issue directions for the execution of this order.

“(Signed)

ABRAHAM LINCOLN,

“*President of the United States.*”

3d—

“CITY POINT, VA.,

“*September 4, 9 P. M., 1864.*”

“Major General SHERMAN :

“I have just received your dispatch announcing the capture of Atlanta. In honor of your great victory, I have ordered a salute to be fired with *shotted guns* from every battery bearing upon the enemy. The salute will be fired within an hour amidst great rejoicing.

“(Signed)

U. S. GRANT,

“*Lieutenant General.*”

II...All the corps, regiments and batteries composing this army may, without further orders, inscribe “Atlanta” on their colors.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

L. M. DAYTON,

Aide-de-Camp.

SPECIAL FIELD ORDERS }
 No. 67. }

HEADQUARTERS,
 MILITARY DIVISION OF THE MISSISSIPPI,
In the Field, Atlanta, Ga.,
 September 8, 1864.

I...The city of Atlanta being exclusively required for warlike purposes, will at once be vacated by all except the armies of the United States and such civilian employees as may be retained by the proper Departments of Government.

II...The Chief Quartermaster, Colonel Easton, will at once take possession of buildings of all kinds, and of all staple articles, such as cotton, tobacco, &c., and will make such disposition of them as are required by existing regulations, or such orders as he may receive from time to time from the proper authorities.

III...The Chief Engineer will promptly reconnoitre the city and suburbs, and indicate the sites needed for the permanent defense of the place, together with any houses, sheds or shanties that stand in his way, that they may be set apart for destruction. Colonel Easton will then, on consultation with the proper officers of the Ordnance, Quartermaster, Commissary, Medical and Railroad Departments, set aside such buildings and lots of ground as will be needed for them, and have them suitably marked and set apart. He will then, on consultation with Generals Thomas and Slocum, set apart such as may be necessary to the proper administration of the military duties of the Department of the Cumberland and of the post of Atlanta; and all buildings and materials not thus embraced will be held subject to the use of the Government, as may hereafter arise, according to the just rules of the Quartermaster's Department.

IV...No General, staff or other officer, or any soldier, will, on any pretense, occupy any house or shanty, unless it be embraced in the limits assigned as the camp of the troops to which such General or staff belongs; but the Chief Quartermaster may allow the troops to use boards, shingles or materials of buildings, barns, sheds, warehouses and shanties not needed by the proper Departments of Government, to be used in the reconstruction of such shanties and bivouacs as the troops and officers serving with them require, and he will also provide, as early as practicable, the proper allowance of tents for the use of the officers and men in their encampments.

V...In proper time, just arrangements will be made for the supply, to the troops, of all articles they may need over and above the

clothing, provisions, &c., furnished by Government, and on no pretense whatever will traders, manufacturers or sutlers be allowed to settle in the limits of fortified places, and if these manage to come in spite of this notice, the Quartermaster will seize their stores and appropriate them to the use of the troops, and deliver the parties, or other unauthorized citizens who thus place their individual interests above that of the United States, in the hands of some Provost Marshal to be put to labor on the forts, or conscripted into one of the regiments or batteries already in service.

VI...The same general principles will apply to all military posts south of Chattanooga.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

L. M. DAYTON,
Aide-de-Camp.

SPECIAL FIELD ORDERS }
No. 68. }

HEADQUARTERS,
MILITARY DIVISION OF THE MISSISSIPPI,
In the Field, Atlanta, Ga.,
September 8, 1864.

The officers and soldiers of the Armies of the Cumberland, Ohio and Tennessee have already received the thanks of the nation, through its President and Commander-in-Chief, and it now remains only for him who has been with you from the beginning, and who intends to stay all the time, to thank the officers and men for their intelligence, fidelity, and courage, as displayed in the campaign of Atlanta.

On the 1st of May our armies were lying in garrison, seemingly quiet, from Knoxville to Huntsville, and our enemy lay behind his rocky faced barrier at Dalton, proud, defiant, and exulting. He had had time since Christmas to recover from his discomfiture on the Mission Ridge, with his ranks filled, and a new Commander-in-Chief, second to none of the Confederacy in reputation for skill, sagacity, and extreme popularity. All at once our armies assumed life and action and appeared before Dalton. Threatening Rocky Face, we threw ourselves upon Resacca, and the rebel army only escaped by the rapidity of its retreat, aided by the numerous roads with which he was familiar and which were strange to us. Again he took post in Alatoona, but we gave him no rest, and

by our circuit towards Dallas and subsequent movement to Acworth we gained the Alatoona Pass. Then followed the eventful battles about Kenesaw, and the escape of the enemy across the Chattahoochee River.

The crossing of the Chattahoochee and breaking of the Augusta road was most handsomely executed by us, and will be studied as an example in the art of war. At this stage of our game our enemies became dissatisfied with their old and skillful commander and selected one more bold and rash. New tactics were adopted. Hood, first boldly and rapidly, on the 20th of July, fell on our right at Peach Tree Creek, and lost. Again, on the 22d, he struck our extreme left and was severely punished; and finally, again, on the 28th, he repeated the attempt on our right, and that time must have become satisfied, for since that date he has remained on the defensive. We slowly and gradually drew our lines about Atlanta, feeling for the railroad which supplied the rebel army, and made Atlanta a place of importance.

We must concede to our enemy that he met these efforts patiently and skillfully, but at last he made the mistake we had waited for so long, and sent his Cavalry to our rear, far beyond the reach of recall. Instantly our Cavalry was on his only remaining road, and we followed quickly with our principal army, and Atlanta fell into our possession as the fruit of well concerted measures, backed by a brave and confident army. This completed the grand task which had been assigned us by our Government, and your General again repeats his personal and official thanks to all the officers and men composing this army for the indomitable courage and perseverance which alone could give success.

We have beaten our enemy on every ground he has chosen, and have wrested from him *his own gate city*, where were located his foundries, arsenals and workshops, deemed secure on account of their distance from the base, and the seemingly impregnable obstacles intervening.

Nothing is impossible to an army like this, determined to vindicate a Government which has rights wherever our flag has once floated, and is resolved to maintain them at any and all costs.

In our campaign many, yea, very many of our noble and gallant comrades have preceded us to our common destination, the grave. But they have left the memory of deeds on which a nation can build

a proud history. McPherson, Harker, McCook and others, dear to us all, are now the binding links in our minds that should attach more closely together the living, who have to complete the task which still lays before us in the dim future.

I ask all to continue, as they have so well begun, the cultivation of the soldierly virtues that have ennobled our own and other countries: courage, patience, obedience to the laws and constituted authorities of our Government, fidelity to our trust, and good feeling among each other, each trying to excel the other in the practice of those high qualities, and it will then require no prophet to foretell that our country will, in time, emerge from this war purified by the fires of war, and worthy its great founder, Washington.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

L. M. DAYTON,
Aide-de-Camp.

SPECIAL FIELD ORDERS	}	HEADQUARTERS,
No. 70.		MILITARY DIVISION OF THE MISSISSIPPI, <i>In the Field, Atlanta, Ga., Sept. 10, 1864.</i>

I...Pursuant to an agreement between General J. B. Hood, commanding the Confederate forces in Georgia, and Major General W. T. Sherman, commanding this army, a *truce* is hereby declared to exist from daylight of Monday, September 12th, until daylight of Thursday, September 22d, being ten (10) full days, at the point of the Macon railroad known as Rough and Ready, and the country round about for a circle of two (2) miles radius, together with the roads leading to and from in the direction of Atlanta and Lovejoy's station respectively, for the purpose of affording the people of Atlanta a safe means of removal to points south.

II...The Chief Quartermaster at Atlanta, Colonel Easton, will afford all the people of Atlanta who elect to go south all the facilities he can spare to remove them comfortably and safely, with their effects, to Rough and Ready, using cars, wagons and ambulances for that purpose; and commanders of regiments and brigades may use their regimental and staff teams to carry out the object of this order, the whole to cease after Wednesday, the 21st inst.

III...Major General Thomas will cause a guard to be established on the road out, beyond the camp ground, with orders to allow all wagons or vehicles to pass that are manifestly used for this purpose

without undue search ; and Major General Howard will send a guard of one hundred (100) men, with a field officer in command, to take post at Rough and Ready, during the truce, with orders, in concert with a guard of like size from the Confederate army, to maintain the most perfect order in that vicinity during the transfer of these families.

A white flag will be displayed during the truce, and the guard will cause all wagons to leave at 4 p. m. of Wednesday, the 21st, and the guard to withdraw at dark, the truce to terminate next morning.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

L. M. DAYTON,
Aide-de-Camp.

SPECIAL FIELD ORDERS } No. 72.	<hr style="width: 10%; margin: 0 auto;"/> HEADQUARTERS, MILITARY DIVISION OF THE MISSISSIPPI, <i>In the Field, Atlanta, Ga., Sept. 13, 1864.</i>
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I...In order to enable the citizens of Atlanta the more easily to comply with Special Field Orders No. 71, from these Headquarters, the Chief Quartermaster, Colonel L. C. Easton, and Colonel A. Beckwith, Chief Commissary, may receive from them all reasonable quantities of forage, subsistence stores and beef cattle, and pay the market rate prices for the same.

II...No restrictions are placed upon citizens as regards the sale of any private property they may own, but all cotton, tobacco, mules, and horses will be taken for the benefit of the Government, and a certificate given the owner or claimant for the same ; but no payment will be made for this kind of property, as it must be disposed of as required by existing orders and regulations.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

L. M. DAYTON,
Aide-de-Camp.

SPECIAL FIELD ORDERS } No. 74.	<hr style="width: 10%; margin: 0 auto;"/> HEADQUARTERS, MILITARY DIVISION OF THE MISSISSIPPI, <i>In the Field, near Atlanta, Sept. 17, 1864.</i>
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I...In order that the officers and soldiers may procure the useful supplies not embraced in the ration table or furnished as anti-scorbutics, each army commander may establish a store near his main camp, viz : General Thomas in Atlanta, General Howard at East

Point, and General Schofield at Decatur, subject to such tariff of prices, and regulated in such manner as each commander may prescribe, to insure fair prices and good order. No credits will be enforced by the Government.

II...The Quartermaster in charge of transportation at Nashville may furnish free transportation for these stores, at the rate of one (1) car of 8 tons per day, and this car will be subdivided between the three armies in the ratio of four (4) tons for the Army of the Cumberland, two and one-half ($2\frac{1}{2}$) for the Army of the Tennessee, and one and one-half ($1\frac{1}{2}$) for the Army of the Ohio. Adams & Co. can have one (1) express car per day for parcels and packages under existing rules and regulations.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman:

L. M. DAYTON,
Aide-de-Camp.

SPECIAL FIELD ORDERS }
No. 75. } HEADQUARTERS,
MILITARY DIVISION OF THE MISSISSIPPI,
In the Field, Atlanta, Ga., Sept. 18, 1864.

I...Brigadier General Jos. K. Knipe, United States Volunteers, is hereby transferred from the Department of the Cumberland to the Department of the Tennessee, and will report to Major General O. O. Howard, commanding, for instructions.

II...Brigadier General Henry Prince, United States Volunteers, is hereby transferred from the Department of the Tennessee to the Department of the Cumberland, and will report to Major General George H. Thomas, commanding, for instructions.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman:

L. M. DAYTON,
Aide-de-Camp.

SPECIAL FIELD ORDERS }
No. 76. } HEADQUARTERS,
MILITARY DIVISION OF THE MISSISSIPPI,
In the Field, Atlanta, Ga., Sept. 20, 1864.

I...The following telegram just received from Washington:—

“WASHINGTON, *September 20, 1864.*

“Major General SHERMAN:

“Yesterday, Monday, the 19th, Major General Sheridan attacked the rebel forces under Generals Breckinridge and Early, near Bunker Hill, in the Shenandoah Valley, fought a hard battle all day, and a brilliant victory was

won by our forces. The enemy were driven off twelve miles. Two thousand five hundred prisoners were captured, nine stand of colors, five pieces of Artillery were taken, and the rebel killed and wounded left in our hands. The rebel Generals Rhodes and Gordon were killed; four other rebel Generals wounded.

“(Signed)

E. M. STANTON.”

The General-in-Chief communicates this to the command with much pleasure.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

L. M. DAYTON,

Aide-de-Camp.

SPECIAL FIELD ORDERS } HEADQUARTERS,
 No. 79. } MILITARY DIVISION OF THE MISSISSIPPI,
In the Field, Atlanta, Ga., Sept. 24, 1864.

I...Pursuant to instructions from the Secretary of War, by telegram, Brigadier General John Newton, United States Volunteers, is hereby relieved from duty in this command, and will proceed to Key West to take command of the District of West Florida, reporting to Major General E. R. S. Canby, commanding Department of the Gulf.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

L. M. DAYTON,

Aide-de-Camp.

GENERAL ORDERS } HEADQUARTERS,
 No. 26. } MILITARY DIVISION OF THE MISSISSIPPI,
Nashville, Tenn., October 3, 1864.

Hereafter all officers doing duty in the Ordnance, Commissary and Quartermaster's Departments, within the limits of the Military Division of the Mississippi, will furnish to the Chief of Cavalry such reports and returns as he may require from time to time concerning supplies in their possession designed for the use of the Mounted Service.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

M. ROCHESTER,

Assistant Adjutant General.

SPECIAL FIELD ORDERS } HEADQUARTERS,
 No. 83. } MILITARY DIVISION OF THE MISSISSIPPI,
In the Field, Atlanta, Ga., Oct. 3, 1864.

The following movements are ordered:—

I...Major General Slocum, with the 20th Corps, will hold Atlanta and the Chattahoochee bridge, and all detachments of other troops or corps will report to him and be assigned by him to posts looking to the security of this depot.

II...All the rest of the army, provided with ten (10) days' rations, will move by the Chattahoochee bridge to Smyrna Camp Ground, Ruff's station; the Army of the Cumberland, Major General Stanley, on the centre, looking west; the Army of the Ohio, Brigadier General Cox, on the right, and the Army of the Tennessee, Major General Howard, on the left.

III...The General commanding will be near the centre.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

L. M. DAYTON,
Aide-de-Camp.

SPECIAL FIELD ORDERS } HEADQUARTERS,
 No. 84. } MILITARY DIVISION OF THE MISSISSIPPI,
In the Field, Kenesaw, October 5, 1864.

I...During the absence of the regular army commanders and the present operations of the army, the senior officer present with each army will command it, viz: Major General D. S. Stanley will command the Army of the Cumberland, and Brigadier General J. D. Cox the Army of the Ohio.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

L. M. DAYTON,
Aide-de-Camp.

SPECIAL FIELD ORDERS } HEADQUARTERS,
 No. 85. } MILITARY DIVISION OF THE MISSISSIPPI,
*In the Field, Kenesaw Mountain,
 October 6, 1864.*

I...Major General Stanley, Army of the Cumberland, will occupy a strong defensive position across the Marietta and Burnt Hickory, and Marietta and Dallas roads, his right near Pine Hill and left behind Noses Creek.

II...Major General Howard, Army of the Tennessee, will join on the left of General Stanley, and make a line covering the Powder Spring road; and the Cavalry on that flank, General Kilpatrick, will prevent any enemy from reaching the railroad below Marietta.

III...Brigadier General Cox, Army of the Ohio, will move out on the Burnt Hickory road, *via* Pine Hill and Mount Olivet Church, west, until he strikes the road by which the enemy have moved on Alatoona. He will have his columns ready for a fight, but not deployed. He will park his wagons near Kenesaw.

IV...General Elliott will send Cavalry to-day to Big Shanty, Acworth and Alatoona, and bring back official reports.

V...The utmost attention must be given to the grazing of animals, parking wagons and economizing rations.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

L. M. DAYTON,
Aide-de-Camp.

SPECIAL FIELD ORDERS }
No. 86. }

HEADQUARTERS,
MILITARY DIVISION OF THE MISSISSIPPI,
In the Field, Kenesaw Mountain,
October 7, 1864.

The General commanding avails himself of the opportunity, in the handsome defense made of Alatoona, to illustrate the most important principle in war, that fortified posts should be defended to the last, regardless of the relative numbers of the party attacking and attacked.

Alatoona was garrisoned by three (3) regiments, commanded by Colonel Tourtellotte, and reinforced by a detachment from a division at Rome, under command of Brigadier General J. M. Corse, on the morning of the 5th, and a few hours after was attacked by French's Division of Stewart's Corps, two other divisions being near at hand and in support. General French demanded a surrender in a letter to "avoid an useless effusion of blood," and gave but five (5) minutes for answer. General Corse's answer was emphatic and strong—that he and his command were ready for the "useless effusion of blood" as soon as it was agreeable to General French.

This answer was followed by an attack, which was prolonged for five (5) hours, resulting in the complete repulse of the enemy, who

left his dead on the ground, amounting to more than two hundred, (200,) and four hundred (400) prisoners, well and wounded. The "effusion of blood" was not "useless," as the position at Alatoona was and is very important to our present and future operations.

The thanks of this army are due, and are hereby accorded to, General Corse, Colonel Tourtellotte, officers and men, for their determined and gallant defense of Alatoona, and it is made an example to illustrate the importance of preparing in time and meeting the danger, when present, boldly, manfully, and well.

This army, though unseen to the garrison, was co-operating by moving towards the road by which the enemy could alone escape, but unfortunately were delayed by the rain and mud, but this fact hastened the retreat of the enemy.

Commanders and garrisons of the posts along our railroads are hereby instructed that they must hold their posts to the last minute, sure that the time gained is valuable and necessary to their comrades at the front.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

L. M. DAYTON,
Aide-de-Camp.

SPECIAL FIELD ORDERS } No. 87.	HEADQUARTERS, MILITARY DIVISION OF THE MISSISSIPPI, <i>In the Field, Kenesaw, October 8, 1864.</i>
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I...The armies will march at once towards Alatoona: that of the Ohio by the roads south and west of Acworth; that of the Cumberland by roads south and west of Kenesaw Mountain, leading through Acworth; and that of the Tennessee by roads north and east of Kenesaw, *via* Big Shanty and Acworth.

II ..The Army of the Ohio will halt for orders near good grass and water, two or three miles this side of Alatoona; that of the Cumberland this side of Acworth; and that of the Tennessee this side of Big Shanty, all giving attention to the grazing of their animals when not on the march.

III...All details for repairing roads will remain at work until relieved, or new orders are made. The repairs will be pushed to the maximum, and as soon as the Chattahoochee bridge is done, the hospitals and sick now at Marietta will be sent to Atlanta.

IV...Until further orders, General Elliott will keep all his Cavalry force watching the enemy, but ready to march rapidly to Stilesboro' and the Etowah bridge, if the enemy turns north towards Rome or Kingston. Otherwise the Cavalry will remain at the front or left flank of the army.

V...Should the enemy attempt our road about Kingston, or to invest Rome, the army must be prepared to leave at Alatoona the principal wagon trains, and to march rapidly to the points threatened; but if the enemy simply moves off towards Jacksonville or Blue Mountain, the army will remain, its right at Alatoona and left at Kenesaw until our roads are repaired.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

L. M. DAYTON,
Aide-de-Camp.

SPECIAL FIELD ORDERS } No. 88.	HEADQUARTERS, MILITARY DIVISION OF THE MISSISSIPPI, <i>In the Field, Alatoona, Ga.,</i> <i>October 9, 1864.</i>
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I...Captain C. A. Cilley, Assistant Adjutant General, Volunteers, is hereby transferred from the Department of the Cumberland to the Department of the Ohio, and will report to Major General J. M. Schofield, commanding.

II...The ordnance depots at Nashville and Chattanooga will be considered as the general ordnance depots for the supply of the three armies of this Division until further orders. Captain E. F. Townsend, Depot Ordnance Officer at Nashville, and Lieutenant O. E. Michalis, Depot Ordnance Officer at Chattanooga, will report by letter to Captain T. J. Baylor, Chief of Ordnance, for instructions.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

L. M. DAYTON,
Aide-de-Camp.

SPECIAL FIELD ORDERS } HEADQUARTERS,
 No. 89. } MILITARY DIVISION OF THE MISSISSIPPI,
In the Field, Kingston, Ga.,
October 11, 1864.

The army will move to-morrow morning early on Rome, the Armies of the Ohio and Tennessee by the river roads, and the Army of the Cumberland by a detour *via* Woodland, all to reach Rome to-morrow night.

Trains will be taken to Rome.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

L. M. DAYTON,
Aide-de-Camp.

SPECIAL FIELD ORDERS } HEADQUARTERS,
 No. 90. } MILITARY DIVISION OF THE MISSISSIPPI,
In the Field, Rome, Ga., Oct. 12, 1864.

Orders for to-morrow, October 13th, will be as follows:—

I...General Corse will dispatch his division and the brigade of the 15th Corps attached to his garrison, and the 1st Alabama Cavalry, down the Coosa River, on its east bank, towards Coosaville, to develop the force guarding the bridge by which the enemy crossed. He will send one (1) battery with the expedition, and equip the whole party light.

II...General Elliott will at the same time dispatch down the west bank of the Coosa a division of Cavalry for the same purpose, viz: to develop the force guarding the bridge by which the enemy crossed.

III...All the armies will be held ready to move at a moment's warning.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

L. M. DAYTON,
Aide-de-Camp.

SPECIAL FIELD ORDERS } HEADQUARTERS,
 No. 91. } MILITARY DIVISION OF THE MISSISSIPPI,
In the Field, Resacca, Ga., Oct. 14, 1864.

The first movement will be to free the Snake Creek Gap.

I...General Howard will bring up all the men of his command he can get at 7 A. M. to-morrow, and move direct on Snake Creek Gap,

approaching carefully and holding his column ready to pass through when relieved by General Stanley's movement.

II...General Stanley will cross over to the hills about two (2) miles north of the Gap, somewhere south of Tilton, and with Infantry reach the summit, and, if possible, find a way across into the valley beyond, towards Villanow.

III...General Cox will come up and follow General Howard.

IV...All trains will remain, until further orders, near Resacca, parked, ready to follow by Dalton or Snake Creek Gap, as the orders may be.

V...General McCook will send all the Cavalry he can raise boldly to the Buzzard's Roost Pass to threaten the enemy in that quarter, and to give General Stanley notice of any force in that vicinity. As soon as General Garrard comes up he will be dispatched in the same direction.

VI...The General commanding will attend General Howard to the forks of the road, about two (2) miles this side of Snake Creek Gap, where couriers or staff officers can find him for orders.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

L. M. DAYTON,
Aide-de-Camp.

SPECIAL FIELD ORDERS	}	HEADQUARTERS,
No. 92.	}	MILITARY DIVISION OF THE MISSISSIPPI, <i>In the Field, —, October 15, 1864.</i>

The movement to-morrow will be on Lafayette, the primary object being to secure possession of Ship's Gap.

I...General Howard will move rapidly on Villanow and Ship's Gap, secure the summit, and mass to the right.

II...General Stanley will follow and mass to the left of the Gap.

III...General Cox will halt for orders at Villanow, guarding roads north and south.

IV...General Garrard's Cavalry will come through Snake Creek Gap and guard the trains. General Elliott will dispatch Colonel Watkins' Cavalry and scouts to open communication with Chatta-

nooga to let them know that this army is in pursuit of Hood, and to inform me of the state of facts along the road and at Chattanooga.

V...The Ordnance and ambulance trains will pass with the troops, as also herds of cattle ; but supply trains will follow in the order of the troops, viz : those of the Army of the Tennessee first, those of the Cumberland second, and those of the Ohio last.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

L. M. DAYTON,
Aide-de-Camp.

SPECIAL FIELD ORDERS } No. 93.	} HEADQUARTERS, MILITARY DIVISION OF THE MISSISSIPPI, <i>In the Field, Ship's Gap, Ga.,</i> October 17, 1864.
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I...Army Commanders will at once park their trains at points convenient to roads leading south. Each army will make up a train of the most indifferent wagons and worthless mules and horses, and prepare to send them to Chattanooga, together with the sick and wounded, prisoners of war, surplus servants, tents, chairs, cots, and the furniture that now fill our wagons and disgrace the army ; in other words, each army will strip its trains to the best teams, loaded only with the essentials for a long march, depending on the country for forage and vegetables. Each Army Commander will report at what time of to-day or to-night he will be ready to send back such a train, and hold it at a point convenient to move towards Ringgold, but not dispatch it until further orders.

II...General Howard will continue to reconnoitre well forward, also down along the ridge, about as far south as Lafayette. General Stanley will examine roads towards Dirt Town, and General Cox will do the same, but the armies will not move until further orders, based on more complete intelligence of the plans and designs of the enemy.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

L. M. DAYTON,
Aide-de-Camp.

SPECIAL FIELD ORDERS }
 No. 94. }

HEADQUARTERS,
 MILITARY DIVISION OF THE MISSISSIPPI,
In the Field, Ship's Gap, Ga.,
 October 17, 1864.

The armies will move to-morrow against the enemy, supposed to be at or near Summerville, as follows:—

I...The Army of the Tennessee will move through Lafayette and by the direct road to Summerville, followed by its ammunition train and ambulances.

II...The Army of the Cumberland will cross Ship's Gap, and take the road to Summerville to the left and east of that followed by the Army of the Tennessee, keeping abreast of and in communication with it.

III...The Army of the Ohio will move from Villanow down the Rome road across to Subligna, and thence by the best road to Summerville. It may take its whole train.

IV...General Garrard's Cavalry will press the rear of the enemy from the direction of Dirt Town, and the brigade of Colonel Watkins' Cavalry will do the same from the direction of Lafayette, each bearing in mind where their Infantry supports are. If possible, the Cavalry should reach and destroy the wagon transportation of the enemy.

V...The Armies of the Cumberland and Tennessee should have from three (3) to five (5) days' rations in their haversacks; and beef on the hoof, and send their trains down by way of Subligna and Gover's Pass.

VI...Rome will be our next point of supply.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman:

L. M. DAYTON,
Aide-de-Camp.

GENERAL ORDERS }
 No. 27. }

HEADQUARTERS,
 MILITARY DIVISION OF THE MISSISSIPPI,
Nashville, Tenn., October 18, 1864.

I...The gross negligence on the part of many officers of the Cavalry in making the reports and returns required by existing orders calls for immediate correction.

The character of the Cavalry service frequently separating the troops for considerable periods from their trains is, in some instances, and to a certain degree, an excuse for this; but no possible apology can exist for the months of delay which in many cases has been suffered to occur without apparently any effort by commanders of regiments to make up, when in camp, for the delays necessarily occurring during active campaigning.

The Major General commanding therefore calls attention to the existing orders upon this subject.

The reports required at the office of the Chief of Cavalry at these Headquarters are as follows:—

1st. Monthly returns on the last day of each month.

2d. Tri-monthly reports on the 10th, 20th, and last days of each month.

3d. Monthly reports of arms on the last day of each month.

4th. Copies of estimates for horses, horse equipments and arms required.

5th. Copies of Monthly Inspection Reports.

6th. Report of officers absent from stated roll-calls and stable-duty, to be made tri-monthly, on the 10th, 20th, and last days of each month.

Regimental, Brigade and Division Commanders in the Cavalry will take immediate steps to bring up all back returns and reports, in order that those for the current month may be made at once; and that hereafter, all these returns and reports be rendered as they fall due, unless the circumstances of the command render this absolutely impossible, and in such case, the commanding officer will be expected to furnish them, at the earliest practicable opportunity, with a written explanation to the next higher in command of the circumstances occasioning the delay.

It is believed that under any ordinary condition of things the monthly returns and tri-monthly reports for each of the Departments may, by the exercise of a proper degree of diligence on the part of Regimental, Brigade and Division Commanders, be furnished at these Headquarters within ten days of the day upon which they fall due.

Commanding officers of Cavalry are reminded that much of the disorganization existing in this branch of the service is due to their negligence in this respect, as, except by the required reports and

returns, it is impossible that the wants of the Cavalry can be known to the staff officers upon whom it devolves to supply them.

II...The Generals commanding the Districts of Kentucky, Tennessee and the Etowah, will furnish to the Chief of Cavalry, at these Headquarters, monthly returns, tri-monthly reports, and monthly reports of arms for the Cavalry, mounted and dismounted in their respective commands.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

R. M. SAWYER,

Assistant Adjutant General.

SPECIAL FIELD ORDERS } No. 96.	} HEADQUARTERS, MILITARY DIVISION OF THE MISSISSIPPI, <i>In the Field, Chattooga Creek,</i> October 18, 1864.
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The movement of the armies to-morrow will be as follows :—

I...The Army of the Tennessee will pass to the right of Summer-ville and move towards Alpine in support of Colonel Watkins' Cavalry, which is ordered to ascertain what part, if any, of the enemy has passed up Henderson's Gap.

II...The Army of the Ohio will move on the main Gaylesville road towards Melville P. O., in support of General Garrard's Cavalry, which is ordered to reconnoitre towards Gaylesville.

III...The Army of the Cumberland will mass near Summerville, ready to move in any direction.

IV...Trains will be brought up to points convenient to the rear of each army, near to the fords of the Chattooga, and near cornfields.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

L. M. DAYTON,

Aide de-Camp.

SPECIAL FIELD ORDERS } No. 97.	} HEADQUARTERS, MILITARY DIVISION OF THE MISSISSIPPI, <i>In the Field, Summerville, Ga.,</i> October 19, 1864.
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The armies will move to-morrow on Gaylesville as follows :—

I...The Army of the Tennessee and General Schofield *via* Alpine, and the Armies of the Ohio and Cumberland by the direct road. All the columns will be well closed up, and in good order, halting

as the head of the leading column reaches Gaylesville, and selecting good grounds for camps.

II...The Cavalry will push on to Little River and beyond, securing the bridge, if any.

III...Headquarters will be near Gaylesville, and army commanders will make prompt reports of appearances of the enemy.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

L. M. DAYTON,
Aide-de-Camp.

SPECIAL FIELD ORDERS } No. 98.	} HEADQUARTERS, MILITARY DIVISION OF THE MISSISSIPPI, <i>In the Field, Summerville, Ga.,</i> October 19, 1864.
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I...Lieutenant Colonel Willard Warner, Acting Inspector General on the staff of this Military Division, having been appointed Colonel of the 180th Ohio, is hereby relieved from duty at these Headquarters, and will proceed to Nashville and assume the command of his new regiment.

II...The General commanding thanks Colonel Warner for his most zealous and intelligent service during the past campaign; compliments him on his good sense in preferring service with troops to staff duty, and predicts for him the highest success in his professional career.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

L. M. DAYTON,
Aide-de-Camp.

SPECIAL FIELD ORDERS } No. 99.	} HEADQUARTERS, MILITARY DIVISION OF THE MISSISSIPPI, <i>In the Field, Gaylesville, Ala.,</i> October 20, 1864.
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The orders for to-morrow are as follows:—

II...Brigadier General Cox will move and take position near the point on the Chattooga where the road to Cedar Bluffs crosses it, with a strong advance guard at Cedar Bluffs.

II...Major General Howard will advance and take position on the main Alabama road, some four (4) or five (5) miles towards Blue Pond, with a strong advance guard at the crossing of Little River.

III...Major General Stanley will advance his rear corps to near the position now occupied by the 17th Corps, and the other will remain as at present.

IV...Brigadier General Elliott will establish a good courier line from Gaylesville back to Rome, and will reconnoitre in force through Blue Pond well towards Gadsden.

V...All the armies will get up their trains and forage on the country liberally. General Cox will make a bridge across Chattooga, near his camp, and General Stanley will strengthen and improve the covered bridge on the upper Rome road.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

L. M. DAYTON,
Aide-de-Camp.

SPECIAL FIELD ORDERS }
No. 100. }

HEADQUARTERS,
MILITARY DIVISION OF THE MISSISSIPPI,
In the Field, Gaylesville, Ala.,
October 22, 1864.

I...Application having been made by Major General O. O. Howard, commanding Department of the Tennessee, Major General Geo. Stoneman is hereby temporarily assigned to command the 17th Corps during the absence of General Blair, in order that Division Commanders may remain with their proper commands.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

L. M. DAYTON,
Aide-de-Camp.

SPECIAL FIELD ORDERS }
 No. 102. }

HEADQUARTERS,
 MILITARY DIVISION OF THE MISSISSIPPI,
In the Field, Gaylesville, Ala.,
 October 24, 1864.

I...Major General J. A. Mower, United States Volunteers, having reported for duty, is hereby assigned to the Department and Army of the Tennessee, and will report in person to Major General O. O. Howard for orders.

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By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

L. M. DAYTON,
Aide-de-Camp.

SPECIAL FIELD ORDERS }
 No. 103. }

HEADQUARTERS,
 MILITARY DIVISION OF THE MISSISSIPPI,
In the Field, Gaylesville, Ala.,
 October 24, 1864.

I...Brevet Major General Wilson, having reported in accordance with orders from the Lieutenant General commanding to be assigned with his brevet rank, is announced as Chief of Cavalry, and will assume command of the Cavalry forces of the Military Division of the Mississippi, Headquarters in the field.

II...Subject to the approval of the President, the Cavalry forces of the Military Division of the Mississippi will hereafter constitute the Cavalry Corps of the Military Division of the Mississippi. All detachments, battalions, regiments, brigades and divisions will make the returns, required by the present orders and regulations, to the Headquarters of the Cavalry Corps, through the usual channels. They will send copies of the monthly returns to their respective Department Commanders.

III...Brigadier General Johnson is hereby relieved from duty as Chief of Cavalry of the Military Division of the Mississippi. He will remain in' discharge of the duties assigned him by Pars. 1 and 2 of General Orders No. 23, from Headquarters Military Division of the Mississippi. He will receive his instructions and make his reports direct to Headquarters of the Cavalry Corps.

IV...The office of Chief of Cavalry at the Headquarters of the different Departments in this Division is abolished, and the Chiefs of Cavalry will report to their Department Commanders for other assignment.

V...Brevet Major General Wilson will reorganize the forces under his command, and will bring into the field the greatest number of mounted troops possible. Department and other Commanders will give such assistance as will insure the execution of this order with the least possible delay.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

L. M. DAYTON,
Aide-de-Camp.

SPECIAL FIELD ORDERS }
No. 104. }

HEADQUARTERS,
MILITARY DIVISION OF THE MISSISSIPPI,
In the Field, Gaylesville, Ala.,
October 26, 1864.

I...Major General Stanley will move his entire corps, wagons, Artillery, sick, and everything to Chattanooga, and report for orders to Major General Thomas. He will move his troops *via* Alpine, Winstons, &c., to Chattanooga or Bridgeport, according to the intelligence that reaches him of the enemy. He should send all wheels, not absolutely necessary, to Chattanooga under small guard, *via* Lafayette. Any surplus provisions he may have on hand he will turn over to the 14th Corps.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

L. M. DAYTON,
Aide-de-Camp.

SPECIAL FIELD ORDERS }
No. 105. }

HEADQUARTERS,
MILITARY DIVISION OF THE MISSISSIPPI,
In the Field, Gaylesville, Ala.,
October 26, 1864.

In the event of military movements or the accidents of war separating the General in command from his Military Division, Major General Geo. H. Thomas, commanding the Department of the Cumberland, will exercise command over all troops and garrisons not absolutely in the presence of the General-in-Chief. The Commanding Generals of the Departments and Armies of the Ohio and Tennessee will forthwith send abstracts of their returns to General Thomas at Nashville, in order that he may understand the position and distribution of the troops, and General Thomas may call for

such further reports as he may require, disturbing the actual condition of affairs and mixing up the troops of separate Departments as little as possible consistent with the interests of the service.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

L. M. DAYTON,
Aide-de-Camp.

SPECIAL FIELD ORDERS } No. 107.	} HEADQUARTERS, MILITARY DIVISION OF THE MISSISSIPPI, <i>In the Field, Gaylesville, Ala.,</i> October 27, 1864.
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I...Pursuant to instructions of the War Department, by telegraph, under date of October 23, Major Chambliss is recognized as the Inspector of Cavalry for the Military Division of the Mississippi, and Brigadier General R. W. Johnson is relieved from that duty.

II...Brigadier General Johnson will report to Major General Geo. H. Thomas, commanding Department of the Cumberland, for assignment to other duty.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

L. M. DAYTON,
Aide-de-Camp.

SPECIAL FIELD ORDERS } No. 108.	} HEADQUARTERS, MILITARY DIVISION OF THE MISSISSIPPI, <i>In the Field, Gaylesville, Ala.,</i> October 28, 1864.
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The armies will move to-morrow on Rome as follows, commencing the movement this evening, so as to reach their designated points to-morrow:—

I...The Army of the Ohio will cross the Coosa at Cedartown, and move by the most direct route to Rome.

II...The Army of the Tennessee will also cross the Coosa at Cedartown, and move to Vans Valley. The Cavalry of General Garrard will follow the Army of the Tennessee and act in concert with it.

III...The 14th Corps, Brevet Major General Davis commanding, will move *via* Gaylesville and the direct Rome road on the north of

the Coosa, but will not leave Gaylesville until the morning of the 29th. The rear guard will completely destroy the pontoon bridge across the Coosa at Cedartown.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

L. M. DAYTON,
Aide-de-Camp.

SPECIAL FIELD ORDERS } HEADQUARTERS,
No. 109. } MILITARY DIVISION OF THE MISSISSIPPI,
In the Field, Rome, Ga., October 29, 1864.

I...Captain George S. Doane, Aide-de-Camp, and Lieutenant J. D. Treadway, Aide-de-Camp, will proceed to Chicago, Illinois, in charge of the body and effects of Brigadier General T. E. G. Ransom, deceased. The Quartermaster's Department will furnish the necessary transportation, including two servants and the horses of the deceased.

Having fulfilled this duty, the officers above named will return and join their proper commands.

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By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

L. M. DAYTON,
Aide-de-Camp.

SPECIAL FIELD ORDERS } HEADQUARTERS,
No. 110. } MILITARY DIVISION OF THE MISSISSIPPI,
In the Field, Rome, Ga., October 30, 1864.

I...Brigadier General Z. B. Tower, United States Volunteers, is hereby appointed Inspector General of fortifications in this Military Division. He will at his discretion visit and inspect the works that need his attention, and will make all necessary orders, in the name of the Commanding General, to local commanders and commanders of districts, as to the work to be done. He will also control the estimates of all Engineers charged with the construction of works of a permanent nature, and define what part should be done by hired labor and what by the troops at hand.

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By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

L. M. DAYTON,
Aide-de-Camp.

SPECIAL FIELD ORDERS }
No. 111.HEADQUARTERS,
MILITARY DIVISION OF THE MISSISSIPPI,
In the Field, Rome, Ga., October 30, 1864.

I...Major General J. M. Schofield will move his corps to Resacca, and relieve all troops along the railroad belonging to the 14th and 15th Corps, and order them to join their proper divisions by Kingston. He will cover the railroad during the movement of the trains, and report for further instructions to Major General Geo. H. Thomas, at Nashville, both by telegraph and letter.

II...Brevet Major General Jeff. C. Davis will move his corps to Kingston, and there await further orders.

III...Major General O. O. Howard, with the Cavalry, will move his army by easy marches to Dallas and Smyrna Camp Ground, reporting his position as often as possible, *en route*, that orders may reach him *via* Alatoona and Marietta.

IV...All detachments and recruits will join their respective corps at once by the most direct route.

V...Brigadier General Jno. E. Smith will assemble his division at Cartersville and Alatoona, and Brigadier General Jno. M. Corse will hold his at Rome until further orders.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

L. M. DAYTON,
Aide-de-Camp.

SPECIAL FIELD ORDERS }
No. 112.HEADQUARTERS,
MILITARY DIVISION OF THE MISSISSIPPI,
In the Field, Rome, Ga.,
November 1, 1864.

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II...Brevet Major General J. H. Wilson, commanding Cavalry Corps, will proceed to mount the dismounted men of his command, and will report in person to Major General Geo. H. Thomas for instructions.

III...Major Henry Hitchcock, Assistant Adjutant General of Volunteers, is hereby announced as a member of the personal staff of the General-in-Chief, and will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

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By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

L. M. DAYTON,
Aide-de-Camp.

SPECIAL FIELD ORDERS }
 No. 113.

HEADQUARTERS,
 MILITARY DIVISION OF THE MISSISSIPPI,
In the Field, Kingston, Ga.,
 November 3, 1864.

I...Captain L. M. Todd, C. S., will at once relieve all recruits and detachments now forming his cattle guard, and order them to report without delay to their respective commands. Brevet Major General J. C. Davis will furnish Captain Todd with a small regiment to act as cattle guard until further orders.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

L. M. DAYTON,
Aide-de-Camp.

SPECIAL FIELD ORDERS }
 No. 114.

HEADQUARTERS,
 MILITARY DIVISION OF THE MISSISSIPPI,
In the Field, Kingston, Ga.,
 November 4, 1864.

I...Commanding Generals of the 14th, 15th, 17th, and 20th Army Corps will forthwith cause full estimates for winter clothing of their commands to be made, and transmit them, by a Quartermaster, to Brevet Brigadier General L. C. Easton, Chief Quartermaster, at Atlanta, that the clothing may be set apart and issued without delay or confusion on the army reaching that neighborhood.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

L. M. DAYTON,
Aide-de-Camp.

SPECIAL FIELD ORDERS }
 No. 115.

HEADQUARTERS,
 MILITARY DIVISION OF THE MISSISSIPPI,
In the Field, Kingston, Ga., Nov. 4, 1864.

I...In view of the contemplated movement, the Commanding Generals of the 14th, 15th, 17th, and 20th Corps will hold their commands prepared on short notice to march, provided with as much bread, salt, sugar, coffee, and ammunition as they can transport with their present means, each corps independent of all others and independent of the general supply train. All camp and garrison equipage, boxes, chests, trunks, or anything whatsoever

tending to overload wagons or to impede rapid movements, will at once be sent to the rear by railroad, if transportation can be had; else prepared for destruction about the time of departure.

II...The general plan of movement will be as follows: As much notice as possible will be given in advance to General Easton at Atlanta and General Steadman at Chattanooga, who are charged with the responsibility of causing all the rolling stock of the railroad to be removed to and north of Resacca, from which point General Steadman will cover its removal into Chattanooga. The railroad lying between Resacca and Etowah bridge will be left substantially undisturbed. The bridge at Resacca and the iron north of it will be removed by cars into Chattanooga and stored for future use. The railroad from the Etowah bridge into Atlanta will be destroyed. The 14th Corps will be charged with the destruction of that road from Etowah to Big Shanty; the 15th and 17th Corps with that from Kenesaw to Chattahoochee bridge, and the 20th Corps from the Chattahoochee into and including Atlanta.

III...On receiving the order to march, the troops embraced in this order will be put in motion from their present camps, each corps to its appointed task, sending forward its supply train to Atlanta, to be loaded up for its contemplated march. Having done the work prescribed, in the most summary manner, the troops will be pushed forward to Atlanta, the Army of the Cumberland in Atlanta, the Army of the Tennessee about Whitehall. The army commanders are enjoined to observe as much caution and secrecy as is possible, and to act with the utmost energy, as after our railroad communication is broken every hour of our time is essential to success.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman:

L. M. DAYTON,
Aide-de-Camp.

SPECIAL FIELD ORDERS	}	HEADQUARTERS, MILITARY DIVISION OF THE MISSISSIPPI, <i>In the Field, Kingston, Ga., Nov. 7, 1864.</i>
No. 117.		

I...Captain A. Mordecai, United States Ordnance Corps, is hereby relieved from duty with the Army of the Ohio, and will report to Major General Geo. H. Thomas as Senior and Supervising Ordnance Officer for the army under his command. He will have the control

and supervision of the depots at Nashville and Chattanooga, and will receive instructions from Captain T. G. Baylor, Chief of Ordnance Military Division of the Mississippi.

II...1st Lieutenant James W. Reilley, United States Ordnance Corps, is hereby relieved from duty with the Department and Army of the Tennessee, and will report to Captain A. Mordecai for assignment to duty as Chief of Ordnance Army of the Ohio.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman:

L. M. DAYTON,
Aide-de-Camp.

SPECIAL FIELD ORDERS } HEADQUARTERS,
No. 118. } MILITARY DIVISION OF THE MISSISSIPPI,
In the Field, Kingston, Ga., Nov. 8, 1864.

I...Brigadier General Thomas H. Ruger, United States Volunteers, is hereby transferred from the Department of the Cumberland to the Department of the Ohio, and will report in person to Major General J. M. Schofield, commanding.

He will take with him his personal staff—

1st Lieutenant George L. Binney, 2d Regiment Massachusetts Infantry, Volunteers.

2d Lieutenant E. G. Fay, 107th Regiment New York Infantry, Volunteers.

II...The Quartermaster's Department will furnish General Ruger and staff transportation to Nashville, Tennessee.

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By order of Major General W. T. Sherman:

L. M. DAYTON,
Aide-de-Camp.

SPECIAL FIELD ORDERS } HEADQUARTERS,
No. 119. } MILITARY DIVISION OF THE MISSISSIPPI,
In the Field, Kingston, Ga., Nov. 8, 1864.

I...The General commanding deems it proper at this time to inform the officers and men of the 14th, 15th, 17th, and 20th Corps, that he has organized them into an army for a special purpose, well known to the War Department and to General Grant. It is sufficient for you to know that it involves a departure from our present

base, and a long and difficult march to a new one. All the chances of war have been considered and provided for, as far as human sagacity can. All he asks of you is to maintain that discipline, patience and courage, which have characterized you in the past; and he hopes, through you, to strike a blow at our enemy that will have a material effect in producing what we all so much desire—his complete overthrow. Of all things the most important is, that the men, during marches and in camp, keep their places and not scatter about as stragglers or foragers, to be picked up by a hostile people in detail. It is also of the utmost importance that our wagons should not be loaded with anything but provisions and ammunition. All surplus servants, non-combatants and refugees, should now go to the rear, and none should be encouraged to encumber us on the march. At some future time we will be enabled to provide for the poor whites and blacks who seek to escape the bondage under which they are now suffering. With these few simple cautions in your minds, he hopes to lead you to achievements equal in importance to those of the past.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

L. M. DAYTON,
Aide-de-Camp.

SPECIAL FIELD ORDERS } No. 120.	<hr style="width: 10%; margin: 0 auto;"/> HEADQUARTERS, MILITARY DIVISION OF THE MISSISSIPPI, <i>In the Field, Kingston, Ga., Nov. 9, 1864.</i>
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I...For the purpose of military operations this army is divided into two wings, viz:—

The right wing, Major General O. O. Howard commanding, the 15th and 17th Corps.

The left wing, Major General H. W. Slocum commanding, the 14th and 20th Corps.

II...The habitual order of march will be, wherever practicable, by four roads, as near parallel as possible, and converging at points hereafter indicated in orders. The Cavalry, Brigadier General Kilpatrick commanding, will receive special orders from the Commander-in-Chief.

III...There will be no general train of supplies, but each corps will have its ammunition train and provision train, distributed habitually as follows: behind each regiment should follow one

wagon and one ambulance ; behind each brigade should follow a due proportion of ammunition wagons, provision wagons and ambulances. In case of danger, each Army Corps Commander should change this order of march, by having his advance and rear brigades unencumbered by wheels. The separate columns will start habitually at 7 A. M. and make about fifteen miles per day, unless otherwise fixed in orders.

IV...The army will forage liberally on the country during the march. To this end, each Brigade Commander will organize a good and sufficient foraging party, under the command of one or more discreet officers, who will gather, near the route traveled, corn or forage of any kind, meat of any kind, vegetables, corn meal, or whatever is needed by the command, aiming at all times to keep in the wagons at least ten days' provisions for the command, and three days' forage. Soldiers must not enter the dwellings of the inhabitants or commit any trespass, but during a halt or a camp, they may be permitted to gather turnips, potatoes and other vegetables, and to drive in stock in sight of their camp. To regular foraging parties must be intrusted the gathering of provisions and forage at any distance from the road traveled.

V...To Army Corps Commanders alone is intrusted the power to destroy mills, houses, cotton gins, &c. ; and for them this general principle is laid down : in districts and neighborhoods where the army is unmolested, no destruction of such property should be permitted ; but should guerrillas or bushwhackers molest our march, or should the inhabitants burn bridges, obstruct roads, or otherwise manifest local hostility, then Army Commanders should order and enforce a devastation more or less relentless, according to the measure of such hostility.

VI...As for horses, mules, wagons, &c., belonging to the inhabitants, the Cavalry and Artillery may appropriate freely and without limits ; discriminating, however, between the rich, who are usually hostile, and the poor or industrious, usually neutral or friendly. Foraging parties may also take mules or horses to replace the jaded animals of their trains, or to serve as pack mules for the regiments or brigades. In all foraging, of whatever kind, the parties engaged will refrain from abusive or threatening language, and may, where

the officer in command thinks proper, give written certificates of the facts, but no receipts; and they will endeavor to leave with each family a reasonable portion for their maintenance.

VII...Negroes who are able-bodied and can be of service to the several columns, may be taken along; but each Army Commander will bear in mind that the question of supplies is a very important one, and that his first duty is to see to them who bear arms.

VIII...The organization, at once, of a good pioneer battalion for each Army Corps, composed, if possible, of negroes, should be attended to. This battalion should follow the advance guard, should repair roads and double them if possible, so that the columns will not be delayed after reaching bad places. Also, Army Commanders should study the habit of giving the Artillery and wagons the road, and marching their troops on one side; and also instruct their troops to assist wagons at steep hills or bad crossings of streams.

IX...Captain O. M. Poe, Chief Engineer, will assign to each wing of the army a pontoon train, fully equipped and organized; and the commanders thereof will see to its being properly protected at all times.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

L. M. DAYTON,
Aide-de-Camp.

SPECIAL FIELD ORDERS	}	HEADQUARTERS,
No. 122.	}	MILITARY DIVISION OF THE MISSISSIPPI, <i>In the Field, Kingston, Ga., Nov. 11, 1864.</i>

I...Major General Thomas, commanding Department of the Cumberland, will organize into battalions all officers, recruits, and furloughed men now in the Department of the Cumberland, or who may arrive there, belonging to the 14th, 15th, 17th, and 20th Corps, keeping them as far as possible distinct by corps, and in reserve until further orders.

II...Brigadier General N. J. Jackson, United States Volunteers, having reported for duty, is hereby assigned to the Department of the Cumberland, and will report by telegraph to Major General Thomas, commanding, and in person to Major General Slocum, commanding 20th Corps, for immediate assignment to duty.

III...Brigadier General Thos. F. Meagher, United States Volunteers, is hereby assigned to the Department of the Cumberland, and will report to Major General Geo. H. Thomas for orders.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

L. M. DAYTON,
Aide-de-Camp.

SPECIAL FIELD ORDERS } HEADQUARTERS,
No. 123. } MILITARY DIVISION OF THE MISSISSIPPI,
} *In the Field, Kingston, Ga., Nov. 11, 1864.*

I...Brigadier General W. F. Barry, Chief of Artillery, being too unwell to make the proposed march, will, accompanied by his personal staff, Assistant Adjutant General, proceed to Louisville, Kentucky, for rest and treatment. The Quartermaster's Department will furnish him transportation.

Leave of absence for twenty (20) days is hereby granted General Barry, to take effect when his health will enable him to travel, at the expiration of which he will join the General commanding wherever he may be.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

L. M. DAYTON,
Aide-de-Camp.

SPECIAL FIELD ORDERS } HEADQUARTERS,
No. 124: } MILITARY DIVISION OF THE MISSISSIPPI,
} *In the Field, Atlanta, Ga., Nov. 14, 1864.*

The armies will begin the movement on Milledgeville and Gordon to-morrow, the 15th November, as follows:—

I...The right wing will move *via* McDonough and Monticello to Gordon.

II...The left wing, General Slocum's, will move *via* Covington, Social Circle, and Madison to Milledgeville, destroying the railroad in a most thorough manner from Yellow River to Madison.

III...The Cavalry, General Kilpatrick commanding, will move in concert with the right wing, feigning strong in the direction of Forsyth and Macon, but will cross the Ocmulgee on the pontoon bridge of General Howard.

IV...Each column will aim to reach its destination, viz: Gordon and Milledgeville, on the seventh days' march, and each army commander will, on arrival, communicate with the other wing and the Commanding General, who will accompany the left wing.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

L. M. DAYTON,
Aide-de-Camp.

SPECIAL FIELD ORDERS	}	HEADQUARTERS,
No. 125.	}	MILITARY DIVISION OF THE MISSISSIPPI, <i>In the Field, Atlanta, Ga., Nov. 15, 1864.</i>

I...Surgeon John Moore, United States Volunteers, is hereby announced as Chief Medical Director of this army, and will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

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By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

L. M. DAYTON,
Aide-de-Camp.

SPECIAL FIELD ORDERS	}	HEADQUARTERS,
No. 127.	}	MILITARY DIVISION OF THE MISSISSIPPI, <i>In the Field, Milledgeville, Ga., November 23, 1864.</i>

The first movement of this army having proved perfectly successful, and the weather now being fine, the following will constitute the second stage of the campaign, and the movement will commence tomorrow, November 24th:—

I...General Kilpatrick, with his Cavalry command unencumbered by wagons, will move *via* Milledgeville by the most practicable route eastward, break the railroad between Millen and Augusta, then turn and strike the railroad below Millen; after which he will use all possible effort to rescue our prisoners of war now confined near Millen. He will communicate back to the wings of the army, as often as it is safe, any information of roads and the enemy that may be of interest to them.

II...The right wing, General Howard, will move substantially along, but south of the railroad, to a point opposite Sandersville, breaking up and destroying, in the most thorough manner, the railroad and telegraph; at which points further orders will be issued.

III...The left wing, General Slocum, will move directly from Milledgeville to the railroad opposite Sandersville, and at once commence destroying the railroad forward to the Ogeechee.

IV...Great attention should be paid to the destruction of this road, as it is of vital importance to our cause. Besides burning bridges and trestles, the iron should be carefully twisted and warped, so that it will be impossible to ever use it again; to this end the rate of travel will be reduced to ten miles a day.

V...Increased attention must be given to the care of trains, for it is known that the enemy intends to harrass our march by means of Cavalry, and we should aim to punish him severely for a first attempt, as it will deter him from repeating it. Also, more attention must be paid to the subject of foraging. None but the regular organized foraging parties should be allowed to depart from the right and left of the road, and the foraging parties themselves should, in addition to former instructions, be instructed to capture wagons to bring their plunder to camp, after which the wagons should be burned. All the useless wagons, ox-teams, &c., which encumber our trains should now be destroyed, and the commander of any brigade is hereby authorized to destroy any wagon that delays the march or opens a gap in the column, no matter to whom it belongs; and generally, the troops should be distributed along the trains, as we have no large enemy to threaten, and nothing but dashes of Cavalry at our flanks. Advance guards should be strengthened, attended by a pioneer corps prepared to construct temporary bridges, in case of their destruction by the enemy; and wherever any such obstruction occurs, the commanding officer of the troops present on the spot will deal harshly with the inhabitants near by to show them that it is to their interest not to impede our movements; should the enemy burn forage and corn on our route, houses, barns and cotton-gins must also be burned to keep them company.

VI...The General-in-Chief will accompany the left wing until it reaches Sandersville, when he will join the Army of the Tennessee.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

L. M. DAYTON,
Aide-de-Camp.

GENERAL ORDERS }
 No. 30. }

HEADQUARTERS,
 MILITARY DIVISION OF THE MISSISSIPPI,
Nashville, Tenn., December 2, 1864.

So much of paragraph I, General Orders No. 22, current series, from these Headquarters, as refers to the forwarding of refugees to points north of the Ohio River at the expense of the United States, is amended so as to include Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, as a point to which transportation may be furnished by water.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman:

R. M. SAWYER,
Assistant Adjutant General.

SPECIAL FIELD ORDERS }
 No. 128. }

HEADQUARTERS,
 MILITARY DIVISION OF THE MISSISSIPPI,
In the Field, Ogeechee Church, Ga.,
December 6, 1864.

I...Each army corps commander will, on the receipt of this order, collect from his command one hundred (100) horses, the best adapted to Cavalry uses, together with a sufficient number of mounted negroes to lead them, and dispatch them to General Slocum's Headquarters for delivery to the Cavalry command of General Kilpatrick.

General Slocum's command is at this moment near the intersection of the road running through Statesboro and Armenia to Halley's Ferry on the Savannah River, about six miles north of Ogeechee Church, and will march by the middle road towards Springfield.

II...The officer charged with these horses will be instructed to deliver them to any officer whom General Kilpatrick may appoint to receive them.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman:

L. M. DAYTON,
Aide-de-Camp.

SPECIAL FIELD ORDERS }
 No. 129. }

HEADQUARTERS,
 MILITARY DIVISION OF THE MISSISSIPPI,
In the Field, Pooler's Station, Ga.,
December 9, 1864.

I...Especial attention is called to paragraph V, Special Field Orders No. 17, and all persons, unauthorized, riding horses should at once be dismounted, and the animals turned over for Cavalry use.

II...Brigadier General Kilpatrick is authorized to organize a patrol to seize all horses and mules ridden by any persons without authority of law, or who may be away from their proper commands, appropriating such animals for the use of his Cavalry command.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

L. M. DAYTON,
Aide-de-Camp.

SPECIAL FIELD ORDERS } No. 130. }	HEADQUARTERS, MILITARY DIVISION OF THE MISSISSIPPI, <i>In the Field, near Savannah, Ga., December 10, 1864.</i>
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The army having arrived before Savannah, will proceed to invest the place and to open up communication with our fleet in Ossabaw and Wassaw Sounds.

I...The left wing, Major General Slocum, will make a left flank near the Savannah River, above the city, and extend round to a point near the plank road. He is also charged with the utter destruction of the Savannah and Charleston railroad, back to and including the Savannah River bridge, as also the Central Georgia road, from his line back to Pooler's.

One battalion of the 1st Regiment Michigan Engineers and Mechanics will be ordered to report to General Slocum to twist the rails.

II...The right wing, Major General Howard, will extend from General Slocum's right to the Savannah River, below the city, or to the Shell road. General Howard is also charged with opening communication with the fleet and the destruction of the Gulf railroad back to and including the Ogeechee River bridge.

III...Captain O. M. Poe, Chief Engineer, will forthwith cause thorough reconnoissances to be made, so as to compile an approximate map for the use of army commanders, and will also cause roads to be examined and opened to facilitate communication with the different parts of it.

IV...Brigadier General Kilpatrick, commanding Cavalry, will watch all roads to the rear, and also assist General Howard in opening communication with the fleet, and Army and Corps Com-

manders will at once overhaul their trains and be prepared, on short notice, to send to the fleet everything not absolutely required for our success.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

L. M. DAYTON,
Aide-de-Camp.

SPECIAL FIELD ORDERS } No. 131. }	HEADQUARTERS, MILITARY DIVISION OF THE MISSISSIPPI, <i>In the Field, near Savannah, Ga.,</i> December 13, 1864.
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The General-in-Chief announces with pleasure that to-day, at half past four P. M., the 2d Division 15th Army Corps assaulted Fort McAllister and carried the place, capturing its entire garrison and armament, giving him full communication with the fleet and the army of Major General Foster.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

L. M. DAYTON,
Aide-de-Camp.

SPECIAL FIELD ORDERS } No. 133. }	HEADQUARTERS, MILITARY DIVISION OF THE MISSISSIPPI, <i>In the Field, near Savannah, Ga.,</i> December 16, 1864.
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I...Captain O. M. Poe, Chief Engineer, will cause all the railroads leading out of Savannah to be most thoroughly destroyed ; the Charleston road as far as, and if possible including, the bridge over the Savannah River ; the Macon road as far as Station 1½, and the Gulf road as far as, and including, the Ogeechee River bridge.

II...Major General Howard will dispatch two (2) divisions without wagons to destroy the Gulf road as far as the Altamaha River bridge, and exhaust the country, in that direction, of supplies. General Kilpatrick, with his Cavalry, will cover this working force, and co-operate with it.

III...The depot of supplies is for the present at King's bridge. General Easton, Chief Quartermaster, may use his discretion in landing supplies at Fort McAllister and the Rice Mill.

IV...Army commanders will forthwith send to General Easton, Chief Quartermaster, at King's bridge, all negroes, horses, mules, and wagons rendered surplus by our change in operations, or to such points on the Ogeechee River as General Easton may indicate, in order that they may be sent to Port Royal Island, where they can be more easily supplied. They will also avail themselves of the present favorable weather to bring forward ten (10) days' food, and will reserve for that purpose enough wagons to handle them; all other wagons must be sent to the Ogeechee River as soon as possible.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman:

L. M. DAYTON,
Aide-de-Camp.

GENERAL ORDERS }
No. 32. }

HEADQUARTERS,
MILITARY DIVISION OF THE MISSISSIPPI,
Nashville, Tenn., December 19, 1864.

I...All abandoned or confiscable lands, houses and tenements, or other property, not required for military uses, will be turned over by officers of the Quartermaster's Department, or others having possession of the same, to the agents of the Treasury Department charged with the custody thereof. Upon the cessation of the occupation or use, for military purposes, of any such property, it will be turned over to the treasury agents, together with any information which may be useful in its care or management, or which may affect the rights of the United States, or of others interested in the property.

II...No abandoned or confiscable property will be occupied or used by persons in the military service, except on regular assignment by the Quartermaster's Department.

III...District and post commanders in this Military Division will, from time to time, render to the officers and agents of the Treasury Department such assistance, not incompatible with military operations, as they may need to enable them to take possession of abandoned and confiscable property, and to retain the same against any authority except that of the United States.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman:

R. M. SAWYER,
Assistant Adjutant General

SPECIAL FIELD ORDERS

No. 139.

 HEADQUARTERS,
 MILITARY DIVISION OF THE MISSISSIPPI,
In the Field, Savannah, Ga., Dec. 23, 1864.

Savannah being now in our possession, and the river partially cleared out, and measures having been taken to remove all obstructions, will at once be made a grand depot for future operations.

I...The Chief Quartermaster, General Easton, will, after giving the necessary orders touching the transports in Ogeechee River and Ossabaw Sound, come in person to Savannah, and take possession of all public buildings, all vacant storerooms, warehouses, &c., that may be now or hereafter needed for any department of the army.

No rents will be paid by the Government of the United States during the war, and all buildings must be distributed according to the accustomed rules of the Quartermaster's Department as though they were public property.

II...The Chief Commissary of Subsistence, Colonel A. Beckwith, will transfer the grand depot of the army to the city of Savannah, secure possession of the needful buildings and offices, and give the necessary orders, to the end that the army may be supplied abundantly and well.

III...The Chief Engineer, Captain Poe, will at once direct which of the enemy's forts are to be retained for our use, and which dismantled and destroyed; and the Chief Ordnance Officer, Captain Baylor, will, in like manner, take possession of all property pertaining to his Department captured from the enemy, and cause the same to be collected and carried to points of security; all the heavy coast guns will be dismounted and carried to Fort Pulaski.

IV...The troops, for the present, will be grouped about the city of Savannah, looking to the convenience of camps: General Slocum taking from the Savannah River around to about the seven-mile post on the canal, and General Howard from thence to the sea; General Kilpatrick will hold King's bridge until Fort McAllister is dismantled and the troops withdrawn from the south side of the Ogeechee, when he will take post about Anderson's plantation, on the plank road, and picket all the roads leading from the north and west.

V...General Howard will keep a small guard at Forts Rosedale, Beaulieu, Wimberly, Thunderbolt and Bonaventure; and he will

cause that shore and Skidaway Island to be examined very closely, with a view to finding many and convenient points for the embarkation of troops and wagons on sea-going vessels.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

L. M. DAYTON,
Aide-de-Camp.

SPECIAL FIELD ORDERS }
No. 141.

HEADQUARTERS,
MILITARY DIVISION OF THE MISSISSIPPI,
In the Field, Savannah, Ga.,
December 24, 1864.

I...General Easton, Chief Quartermaster, is charged with the general responsibility of public property in the city. He will take possession of all cotton and other Quartermaster's stores; he will also assign quarters to officers and troops, and designate such buildings, lots, &c., for public use, and have full control thereof. Officers serving with troops will not be allowed to occupy buildings in the city, unless the troops are also doing duty in the city; and Corps, Division and Brigade Quartermasters and Commissaries will not be allowed to establish themselves at any depot, in the city or elsewhere, except upon consultation with the Chief Quartermaster or Chief Commissary of Subsistence. The occupation and use of buildings or rooms for amusement will be regulated by General Easton, and no private property will be removed from buildings or made use of by officers or troops, except by consent of him.

II...The Chief Commissary of Subsistence, Colonel Beckwith, will take possession of all subsistence stores and be charged with their distribution, as also the supplying of destitute families, conferring with the mayor of the city as regards the necessities, &c.; and army commanders will not make issues directly.

III...Corps Commanders will furnish the Chief Quartermaster five hundred (500) men each, in regiments, for guard and fatigue duty. They will also use all effort to supply him with a force of negroes for labor. Recruiting agents are forbid recruiting negroes for military service, as all are wanted for labor.

IV...The Provost Marshal's Department, under the direction of the commanding officer of the post, is charged with the maintenance of good order in the city and the guarding of prisoners, and has nothing to do with property. Passes within the city limits will not be required.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

L. M. DAYTON,
Aide-de-Camp.

SPECIAL FIELD ORDERS	}	HEADQUARTERS, MILITARY DIVISION OF THE MISSISSIPPI, <i>In the Field, Savannah, Ga.,</i> December 25, 1864.
No. 142.		

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III...Brigadier General Kilpatrick will designate some officer of the 3d Regiment Kentucky Cavalry, Volunteers, who will, through his direction, under this order, take command of the non-veteran officers and enlisted men belonging to Kentucky regiments serving with him, and who are entitled to be mustered out of service by reason of expiration of term of service, and proceed to Louisville, Kentucky, to be mustered out of service according to law.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

L. M. DAYTON,
Aide-de-Camp.

SPECIAL FIELD ORDERS	}	HEADQUARTERS, MILITARY DIVISION OF THE MISSISSIPPI, <i>In the Field, Savannah, Ga.,</i> December 26, 1864.
No. 143.		

The City of Savannah and surrounding country will be held as a military post and adapted to future military uses, but as it contains a population of some twenty thousand people, who must be provided for, and as other citizens may come, it is proper to lay down certain general principles, that all within its military jurisdiction may understand their relative duties and obligations.

I...During war the military is superior to civil authority, and, where interests clash, the civil must give way ; yet, where there is no conflict, every encouragement should be given to well-disposed and peaceful inhabitants to resume their usual pursuits. Families

should be disturbed as little as possible in their residences, and tradesmen allowed the free use of their shops, tools, &c. Churches, schools, and all places of amusement and recreation should be encouraged, and streets and roads made perfectly safe to persons in their pursuits. Passes should not be exacted within the line of outer pickets, but if any person shall abuse these privileges by communicating with the enemy or doing any act of hostility to the Government of the United States, he or she will be punished with the utmost rigor of the law.

Commerce with the outer world will be resumed to an extent commensurate with the interests of the citizens, governed by the restrictions and rules of the Treasury Department.

II...The Chief Quartermaster and Commissary of the army may give suitable employment to the people, white and black, or transport them to such points as they may choose where employment can be had ; and may extend temporary relief in the way of provisions and vacant houses to the worthy and needy until such time as they can help themselves. They will select first the buildings for the necessary uses of the army ; next, a sufficient number of stores, to be turned over to the Treasury agent for trade stores. All vacant storehouses or dwellings, and all buildings belonging to absent rebels, will be construed and used as belonging to the United States until such times as their titles can be settled by the courts of the United States.

III...The mayor and city council of Savannah will continue and exercise their functions as such, and will, in concert with the commanding officer of the post and the Chief Quartermaster, see that the fire companies are kept in organization, the streets cleaned and lighted, and keep up a good understanding between the citizens and soldiers. They will ascertain and report to the Chief Commissary of Subsistence, as soon as possible, the names and number of worthy families that need assistance and support.

The mayor will forthwith give public notice that the time has come when all must choose their course, viz : to remain within our lines and conduct themselves as good citizens, or depart in peace. He will ascertain the names of all who choose to leave Savannah, and report their names and residence to the Chief Quartermaster, that measures may be taken to transport them beyond the lines.

SPECIAL FIELD ORDERS } HEADQUARTERS,
 No. 145. } MILITARY DIVISION OF THE MISSISSIPPI,
In the Field, Savannah, Ga.,
December 28, 1864.

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V...Captain O. M. Poe, Chief Engineer, is hereby authorized, in the execution of instructions, to build a line of defense for the City of Savannah, to remove or destroy buildings of any character, or to give orders for the removal of any camps of troops or other obstacles in the way, and commanders of troops will assist Captain Poe as much as is possible in the removal of camps that may interfere with his proposed line.

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By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

L. M. DAYTON,
Aide-de-Camp.

SPECIAL FIELD ORDERS } HEADQUARTERS,
 No. 148. } MILITARY DIVISION OF THE MISSISSIPPI,
In the Field, Savannah, Ga.,
December 31, 1864.

I...The work of constructing the "fortifications of Savannah" will commence at once under the supervision of Captain Poe, Chief Engineer, and the line will be divided into two divisions, the Ogeechee road being the dividing line; and he is authorized to call upon army commanders for such details for labor as he may require.

Major General Slocum, commanding left wing, will furnish details to Captain Poe for that part of the work north of and between the Ogeechee road and Savannah River; and Major General Howard, commanding right wing, will furnish details for the work south of the Ogeechee road.

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By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

L. M. DAYTON,
Aide-de-Camp.

SPECIAL FIELD ORDERS } HEADQUARTERS,
 No. 1. } MILITARY DIVISION OF THE MISSISSIPPI,
In the Field, Savannah, Ga.,
January 2, 1865.

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III...Lieutenant Colonel Charles Ewing, Inspector General, will proceed as bearer of dispatches to Hilton Head, thence to Old Point Comfort and City Point, and thence to Washington, D. C. Having received answers to his dispatches, he will avail himself of the earliest opportunity to return to these Headquarters, wherever they may be.

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V...Major General O. O. Howard, commanding Army of the Tennessee, will move the 17th Corps to Port Royal Island. All details and detachments from this Corps will join their command at once.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

L. M. DAYTON,
Aide-de-Camp.

SPECIAL FIELD ORDERS } HEADQUARTERS,
 No. 6. } MILITARY DIVISION OF THE MISSISSIPPI,
In the Field, Savannah, Ga., Jan. 8, 1865.

The General commanding announces to the troops composing the Military Division of the Mississippi that he has received from the President of the United States, and from Lieutenant General Grant, letters conveying their high sense and appreciation of the campaign just closed, resulting in the capture of Savannah and the defeat of Hood's army in Tennessee.

In order that all may understand the importance of events, it is proper to revert to the situation of affairs in September last. We held Atlanta, a city of little value to us, but so important to the enemy that Mr. Davis, the head of the rebellious faction in the South, visited his army near Palmetto and commanded it to regain it, as well as to ruin and destroy us, by a series of measures which he thought would be effectual. That army, by a rapid march, gained our railroad near Big Shanty, and afterwards about Dalton. We pursued it, but it moved so rapidly that we could not overtake

it, and General Hood led his army successfully far over towards Mississippi, in hope to decoy us out of Georgia. But we were not thus to be led away by him, and preferred to lead and control events ourselves. Generals Thomas and Schofield, commanding the Departments to our rear, returned to their posts and prepared to decoy General Hood into their meshes whilst we came on to complete the original journey. We quietly and deliberately destroyed Atlanta, and all the railroads which the enemy had used to carry on war against us, occupied his State capitol, and then captured his commercial capitol, which had been so strongly fortified from the sea as to defy approach from that quarter. Almost at the moment of our victorious entry into Savannah, came the welcome and expected news that our comrades in Tennessee had also fulfilled nobly and well their part, had decoyed General Hood to Nashville and then turned on him, defeating his army thoroughly, capturing all his artillery, great numbers of prisoners, and were still pursuing the fragments down into Alabama. So complete a success in military operations, extending over half a continent, is an achievement that entitles it to a place in the military history of the world. The armies serving in Georgia and Tennessee, as well as the local garrisons of Decatur, Bridgeport, Chattanooga, and Murfreesboro, are alike entitled to the common honors, and each regiment may inscribe on its colors at pleasure the words "*Savannah*" or "*Nashville*." The General commanding embraces, in the same general success, the operations of the Cavalry column under Generals Stoneman, Burbridge, and Gillem, that penetrated into Southwest Virginia and paralyzed the efforts of the enemy to disturb the peace and safety of East Tennessee. Instead of being put on the defensive, we have at all points assumed the bold offensive, and completely thwarted the designs of the enemies of our country.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

L. M. DAYTON,
Aide-de-Camp.

SPECIAL FIELD ORDERS	}	HEADQUARTERS,
No. 7.	}	MILITARY DIVISION OF THE MISSISSIPPI, <i>In the Field, Savannah, Ga., Jan. 9, 1865.</i>

I...The 1st Regiment Alabama Cavalry, Volunteers, Colonel George E. Spencer commanding, is hereby relieved from duty with

the Department and Army of the Tennessee, and is assigned to the Cavalry Division of Brigadier General J. Kilpatrick. Colonel Spencer will report to General Kilpatrick for instructions.

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By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

L. M. DAYTON,
Aide de-Camp.

SPECIAL FIELD ORDERS } HEADQUARTERS,
No. 10. } MILITARY DIVISION OF THE MISSISSIPPI,
In the Field, Savannah, Ga., Jan. 12, 1865.

I...Brevet Brigadier General L. C. Easton, Chief Quartermaster, will turn over to Simeon Draper, esq., agent of the U. S. Treasury Department, all cotton now in the City of Savannah, prize of war, taking his receipt for the same in gross for quantity and returning for it to the Quartermaster General. He will also afford Mr. Draper all the facilities in his power in the way of transportation, labor, &c., to enable him to handle the cotton with expedition.

II...General Easton will also turn over to Mr. Draper the custom-house, and such other buildings in the city of Savannah as he may need in the execution of his office.

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By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

L. M. DAYTON,
Aide-de-Camp.

SPECIAL FIELD ORDERS } HEADQUARTERS,
No. 12. } MILITARY DIVISION OF THE MISSISSIPPI,
*In the Field, Savannah, Ga.,
January 14, 1865.*

It being represented that the Confederate army and armed bands of robbers, acting professedly under the authority of the Confederate Government, are harrassing the people of Georgia and endeavoring to intimidate them in the efforts they are making to secure to

themselves provisions, clothing, security to life and property, and the restoration of law and good government in the State, it is hereby ordered and made public—

I...That the farmers of Georgia may bring into Savannah, Fernandina, or Jacksonville, Florida, marketing such as beef, pork, mutton, vegetables of any kind, fish, &c., as well as cotton in small quantities, and sell the same in open market, except the cotton, which must be sold by or through the Treasury agents, and may invest the proceeds in family stores, such as bacon and flour in reasonable quantities, groceries, shoes and clothing, and articles not contraband of war, and carry the same back to their families. No trade stores will be attempted in the interior, or stocks of goods sold for them, but families may club together for mutual assistance and protection in coming and going.

II...The people are encouraged to meet together in peaceful assemblage to discuss measures looking to their safety and good government, and the restoration of State and National authority, and will be protected by the National army when so doing, and all peaceable inhabitants who satisfy the commanding officers that they are earnestly laboring to that end, must not only be left undisturbed in property and person, but must be protected as far as possible consistent with the military operations. If any farmer or peaceable inhabitant is molested by the enemy, viz: the Confederate army or guerrillas, because of his friendship for the National Government, the perpetrator, if caught, will be summarily punished or his family made to suffer for the outrage; but if the crime cannot be traced to the actual party, then retaliation will be made on the adherents to the cause of the rebellion; should a Union man be murdered, then a rebel, selected by lot, will be shot; or if a Union family be persecuted on account of the cause, a rebel family will be banished to a foreign land. In aggravated cases, retaliation will be extended as high as five for one. All commanding officers will act promptly in such cases, and report their action after the retaliation is done.

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By order of Major General W. T. Sherman:

L. M. DAYTON,
Assistant Adjutant General.

SPECIAL FIELD ORDERS } HEADQUARTERS,
 No. 13. } MILITARY DIVISION OF THE MISSISSIPPI,
In the Field, Savannah, Ga.,
January 15, 1865.

The Department of the South having been placed within the sphere of this command, and it being highly desirable that one uniform policy prevail touching commerce and intercourse with the inhabitants of the South, the following general rules and principles will be adhered to, unless modified by law or the orders of the War Department:

I...Commerce with foreign nations, or in an enlarged sense, cannot be permitted or undertaken until the National authority is established to an extent that will give the necessary courts and offices to control and manage such matters. Trade will be confined to a limited barter and sale proportioned to the necessary wants of the army, and of the inhabitants dependent on it for the necessaries of life; and even that trade must be kept subject to strict military control or surveillance.

II...Trade stores will be permitted at Beaufort, Hilton Head, Savannah, Fernandina, St. Augustine, and Jacksonville, in all articles of clothing and food, groceries, ladies and children's goods generally, and articles not contraband of war.

III...To trade is a privilege, and no person will be allowed to buy and sell for profit unless he be a citizen of the United States, and subscribe to any legal oath or obligation that is or may be prescribed by law; and at points threatened by an enemy, the officer commanding may further exact as a condition that the trader shall himself engage to serve in some military capacity to aid in defense of the place.

IV...Persons desiring to trade will apply to the commanding officer of the post, and obtain his written consent, specifying the kind, nature, and extent of the trade, and when he requires importations from Northern cities, he will in like manner apply for his permit. The commanding officer of the post may appoint some good officer to supervise these matters, who will frequently inspect the stores, and when there is not sufficient competition, will fix the prices of sale. These stores will, in like manner, be subject to the supervision of the Commanding General of the Department of the South, by himself, or an Inspector General.

V...In order that purchases may be made with economy, the commanding officer of each post will make reports of his action in regard to trade, with the names of traders, amounts of goods desired for sale, &c., to the Commanding General of the Department, who will, in like manner, make full report to the Secretary of the United States Treasury, to the end that he may instruct the collectors of ports from which shipments are expected as to the necessary permits and clearances. It being utterly impracticable that a General commanding military operations should give his personal attention to such matters, it is desirable that as much power as possible should be delegated to post commanders, and they should be held to the strictest account that no trade is permitted injurious to the military interests of the United States.

VI...Sales of cotton will be restricted absolutely to the United States Treasury agents, and no title in cotton or bill of sale will be respected until after the cotton is sold at New York. Country people having small lots of cotton are permitted to bring the same in, to be exchanged for food and clothing for their families. The Quartermaster will set aside a store or warehouse, to which each wagon bearing cotton will, after entering the military lines, proceed direct, where an agent of the Treasury Department will receive and weigh the same, and pay for it the price fixed in the 8th section of the act of Congress approved July 2, 1864, viz: three-fourths the value of cotton as quoted in the New York market—and the Secretary of the Treasury is hereby requested to make appointments of agents to carry out the provisions of said act at the posts of Hilton Head, Savannah, Fernandina and Jacksonville.

VII...In order that the duties hereby imposed on commanding officers of posts may not be neglected or slighted, by the changes incident to rank and changes of troops, the Commanding General of the Department of the South will appoint a special officer to command at each of said posts, with a small garrison, not to be changed without his order; and when other troops, commanded by a senior, are added or arrive, the command of the post will not change, but the additional troops will be encamped near by, and act according to special instructions.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

L. M. DAYTON,

Assistant Adjutant General.

SPECIAL FIELD ORDERS } HEADQUARTERS,
 No. 14. } MILITARY DIVISION OF THE MISSISSIPPI,
In the Field, Savannah, Ga., Jan. 16, 1865.

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II...Surgeon J. C. Morgan, 29th Regiment Missouri Infantry, Volunteers, is relieved from duty with his regiment and assigned to duty as health officer of the City of Savannah. It will be his duty to see to the prompt removal to the proper hospital of all contagious diseases, and also that the carcasses of dead animals and all offal or other matter, either offensive or detrimental to health, be removed with as little delay as possible.

To facilitate the execution of these duties, he will at once put himself in communication with the General commanding the post.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

L. M. DAYTON,
Assistant Adjutant General.

SPECIAL FIELD ORDERS } HEADQUARTERS,
 No 15. } MILITARY DIVISION OF THE MISSISSIPPI,
In the Field, Savannah, Ga. Jan. 16, 1865.

I...The islands from Charleston, south, the abandoned rice fields along the rivers for thirty miles back from the sea, and the country bordering the St. Johns River, Florida, are reserved and set apart for the settlement of the negroes now made free by the acts of war and the proclamation of the President of the United States.

II...At Beaufort, Hilton Head, Savannah, Fernandina, St. Augustine and Jacksonville, the blacks may remain in their chosen or accustomed vocations; but on the islands, and in the settlements hereafter to be established, no white person whatever, unless military officers and soldiers detailed for duty, will be permitted to reside; and the sole and exclusive management of affairs will be left to the freed people themselves, subject only to the United States military authority and the acts of Congress. By the laws of war, and orders of the President of the United States, the negro is free and must be dealt with as such. He cannot be subjected to conscription or forced military service, save by the written orders of the highest military authority of the Department, under such regulations as the President or Congress may prescribe. Domestic servants, blacksmiths, carpenters, and other mechanics, will be free

to select their own work and residence, but the young and able-bodied negroes must be encouraged to enlist as soldiers in the service of the United States, to contribute their share towards maintaining their own freedom, and securing their rights as citizens of the United States.

Negroes so enlisted will be organized into companies, battalions, and regiments, under the orders of the United States military authorities, and will be paid, fed, and clothed according to law. The bounties paid on enlistment may, with the consent of the recruit, go to assist his family and settlement in procuring agricultural implements, seed, tools, boots, clothing, and other articles necessary for their livelihood.

III... Whenever three respectable negroes, heads of families, shall desire to settle on land, and shall have selected for that purpose an island or a locality clearly defined within the limits above designated, the Inspector of Settlements and Plantations will himself, or by such subordinate officer as he may appoint, give them a license to settle such island or district, and afford them such assistance as he can to enable them to establish a peaceable agricultural settlement. The three parties named will subdivide the land, under the supervision of the Inspector, among themselves and such others as may choose to settle near them, so that each family shall have a plot of not more than forty (40) acres of tillable ground, and when it borders on some water channel, with not more than 800 feet water front, in the possession of which land the military authorities will afford them protection until such time as they can protect themselves, or until Congress shall regulate their title. The Quartermaster may, on the requisition of the Inspector of Settlements and Plantations, place at the disposal of the Inspector one or more of the captured steamers to ply between the settlements and one or more of the commercial points heretofore named in orders, to afford the settlers the opportunity to supply their necessary wants, and to sell the products of their land and labor.

IV... Whenever a negro has enlisted in the military service of the United States, he may locate his family in any one of the settlements at pleasure, and acquire a homestead and all other rights and privileges of a settler, as though present in person. In like manner, negroes may settle their families and engage on board the gunboats, or in fishing, or in the navigation of the inland waters, without

losing any claim to land or other advantages derived from this system. But no one, unless an actual settler as above defined, or unless absent on Government service, will be entitled to claim any right to land or property in any settlement by virtue of these orders.

V...In order to carry out this system of settlement, a general officer will be detailed as Inspector of Settlements and Plantations, whose duty it shall be to visit the settlements, to regulate their police and general management, and who will furnish personally to each head of a family, subject to the approval of the President of the United States, a possessory title in writing, giving as near as possible the description of boundaries; and who shall adjust all claims or conflicts that may arise under the same, subject to the like approval, treating such titles altogether as possessory. The same general officer will also be charged with the enlistment and organization of the negro recruits, and protecting their interests while absent from their settlements; and will be governed by the rules and regulations prescribed by the War Department for such purposes.

VI...Brigadier General R. Saxton is hereby appointed Inspector of Settlements and Plantations, and will at once enter on the performance of his duties. No change is intended or desired in the settlement now on Beaufort Island, nor will any rights to property heretofore acquired be affected thereby.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

L. M. DAYTON,
Assistant Adjutant General.

SPECIAL FIELD ORDERS	}	HEADQUARTERS,
No. 17.		MILITARY DIVISION OF THE MISSISSIPPI, <i>In the Field, Savannah, Ga.,</i> <i>January 18, 1865.</i>

I...Brigadier General William Harrow, United States Volunteers, reporting to the General commanding by order of Major General Howard, commanding Department and Army of the Tennessee, will report in person to the Adjutant General U. S. Army, Washington, D. C., for assignment.

The Quartermaster's Department will furnish transportation.

II ..Brigadier General William Vandever, United States Volunteers, is hereby transferred from the Department of the Tennessee to the Department of the Cumberland, and will report in person to Brevet Major General J. C. Davis for assignment to duty.

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By order of Major General W. T. Sherman:

L. M. DAYTON,
Assistant Adjutant General.

SPECIAL FIELD ORDERS	}	HEADQUARTERS,
No. 18.	}	MILITARY DIVISION OF THE MISSISSIPPI, <i>In the Field, Savannah, Ga.,</i> <i>January 18, 1865.</i>

I...Major General H. W. Slocum, commanding left wing, will to-morrow, January 19th, turn over to Major General J. G. Foster, commanding Department of the South, the command and charge of the City of Savannah, Georgia.

II...Major General Foster will thereon relieve the guards, patrols and fatigue parties belonging to General Geary's command, and assign a commander for the post and City of Savannah, to be governed by existing orders and instructions from these Headquarters.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman:

L. M. DAYTON,
Assistant Adjutant General.

SPECIAL FIELD ORDERS	}	HEADQUARTERS,
No. 19.	}	MILITARY DIVISION OF THE MISSISSIPPI, <i>In the Field, Savannah, Ga., Jan. 19, 1865.</i>

I...Major General J. G. Foster, commanding Department of the South, will occupy in force the City of Savannah and river defenses, and maintain a good strong picket in connection with the gunboats at or near Purysburg.

He will also establish an entrenched camp at or near Pocatoligo, covering Port Royal Ferry and the road back to Broad River.

II...Major General Howard, commanding right wing army in the field, will group his army in front of Coosawhatchee and Pocotaligo, prepared to move inland with his wagons, containing five (5) days' forage and provisions, and ammunition to their full capacity, in about the same proportions as when the army left Atlanta; he will continue to draw supplies from the head of Broad River up to the last moment before departure.

III...Major General Slocum, commanding left wing army in the field, will in like manner conduct his wing to convenient camps in the neighborhood of Robertsville, extending towards Coosawhatchee, loading his wagons in the manner prescribed for the right wing, and drawing his supplies up to the last moment from Purysburg and Sister's Ferry, on the Savannah River.

IV...Brevet Major General Kilpatrick will move his Cavalry in concert with the left wing, cross the Savannah River at Sister's Ferry, and picket the roads in front of the left wing, and open communication with Coosawhatchee, drawing his supplies also from the depot at Sister's Ferry.

V...Headquarters of the army will be established first at Coosawhatchee, to which point army commanders will report all matters of interest, and the earliest moment possible that they will be ready to move inland.

The right wing will establish a depot for sick and property at Hilton Head, the left wing and Cavalry corps the same at Savannah, and each corps will leave behind all unnecessary servants and non-combatants, all tents save one for headquarters of brigade and upwards, flys to shelter from the weather, and tents necessary for hospital purposes; also, all chests for office papers, and other baggage not necessary for use in battle, with orders for their office papers and necessary baggage to follow them by water.

VI...The Chief Quartermaster and Commissary of the army in the field will use all possible exertion to push forward supplies to the points named in this order, and will be prepared to follow the movements of the army by water with the provisions, forage, and stores necessary for a re-supply.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

L. M. DAYTON,
Assistant Adjutant General.

SPECIAL FIELD ORDERS } HEADQUARTERS,
 No. 22. } MILITARY DIVISION OF THE MISSISSIPPI,
In the Field, near Pocotaligo, S. C.,
January 28, 1865.

I...By the advice of Surgeon Moore, and for the benefit of his health, now impaired by service, Brevet Major General M. D. Leggett, United States Volunteers, will proceed, *via* New York, to his home, Zanesville, Ohio. Upon recovery he will rejoin his command, wherever it may be.

The Quartermaster's Department will furnish transportation to New York, and from there in return.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

L. M. DAYTON,
Assistant Adjutant General.

SPECIAL FIELD ORDERS } HEADQUARTERS,
 No. 23. } MILITARY DIVISION OF THE MISSISSIPPI,
In the Field, Pocotaligo, S. C.,
January 29, 1865.

I...Brigadier General Henry Prince, United States Volunteers, having reported pursuant to Special Field Orders No. 327, Headquarters Department of the Cumberland, series 1864, will report to Major General J. G. Foster, commanding Department of the South, for special assignment to duty.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

L. M. DAYTON,
Assistant Adjutant General.

SPECIAL FIELD ORDERS } HEADQUARTERS,
 No. 25. } MILITARY DIVISION OF THE MISSISSIPPI,
In the Field, Lowry's, February 8, 1865.

The next movement will be against the railroad at any point between Orangeburg and the Congaree, as near Orangeburg as possible.

I...The right wing is charged with the destruction of the South Carolina railroad from and including the Edisto bridge to Blackville ; and the left wing, with the Engineer regiment and the Cavalry, will destroy from Blackville west as far as possible.

II...Major General Howard will move the 17th Corps by the State road to Binnaker's and Holman's bridges, feign at one and cross at the other, and move on Orangeburg. The 15th Corps will move up the railroad to a point about four (4) miles west of Graham's station, and after having finished the destruction of the railroad to Blackville, will cross the Edisto by Holman's bridge, or the head of Young's Island, and move in support of the 17th Corps.

III...The 20th Corps will move to Blackville, and continue the destruction of the railroad westward, and the 14th Corps will come up on the road about White Pond, or Williston, and as soon as the destruction of the road is complete, will cross the Edisto at the head of Young's Island or at Guignard's bridge, and push out to the Orangeburg and Edgefield road, ready to move on Orangeburg or Columbia, according to developments.

IV...The Cavalry will continue to act in concert with the left wing, will burn the railroad as far west as possible, and cross the Edisto to the Edgefield road at the same time with the left wing. All troops will lean towards Orangeburg until it is known that the right wing has made a secure lodgment at or near Orangeburg.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

L. M. DAYTON,
Assistant Adjutant General.

SPECIAL FIELD ORDERS	}	HEADQUARTERS,
No. 26.		MILITARY DIVISION OF THE MISSISSIPPI, <i>In the Field, near Columbia, S. C., February 16, 1865.</i>

The next series of movements will be on Fayetteville. North Carolina, and thence to Wilmington or Goldsboro, according to events. Great care must be exercised in collecting forage and food, and at the same time in covering the wagon trains from Cavalry dashes.

I...General Howard will cross the Saluda and Broad Rivers as near their mouths as possible, occupy Columbia, destroy the public buildings, railroad property, manufacturing and machine shops, but will spare libraries and asylums, and private dwellings. He will then move to Winnsboro, destroying *en route*, utterly, that section of the railroad. He will also cause all bridges, trestles, water tanks

and depots, on the railroad, back to the Wateree, to be burned, switches broken, and such other destruction as he can find time to accomplish consistent with the proper celerity. For movements of his army, he will select roads that cross the Wateree to the south of Lancaster.

II...Generals Slocum and Kilpatrick will cross the Saluda River near Mount Zion and the Broad River, below or at Alston, and will cause the destruction of the bridge at Alston and the railroad, back towards Columbia, as far as possible, aiming to be in communication with Winnsboro by the time General Howard reaches that point. They will study to get roads in the direction of Lancaster, and should they have any spare time on reaching the Great Northern Railroad, they will prolong the break in the direction north of Winnsboro.

III...Colonel O. M. Poe, Chief Engineer, will cause the 1st Regiment Michigan Engineers to accompany the right wing, and have it destroy as much of the railroad from Columbia, northward, through and beyond Winnsboro, as possible, working in concert with any troops he may find employed at that work.

IV...The General-in-Chief will be with the left division of the right wing, or right division of the left wing, or as near the centre of the army as possible, and will, from time to time, advise commanding officers of his whereabouts. He also expects the fullest possible reports of subordinate commanders.

In the absence of specific orders, the right wing will be the "column of direction," and will aim for Winnsboro, Cheraw, Fayetteville, &c.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

L. M. DAYTON,
Assistant Adjutant General.

SPECIAL FIELD ORDERS }
No. 28. }

HEADQUARTERS,
MILITARY DIVISION OF THE MISSISSIPPI,
In the Field, Fayetteville, N. C.,
March 11, 1865.

I...The right wing, Major General O. O. Howard commanding, will cross Cape Fear River as soon as possible, and take roads leading towards Faison Station, on the Wilmington and Weldon Railroad, but will not depart from the river till further notice.

II...The left wing, Major General H. W. Slocum commanding, will hold the town of Fayetteville, and he will lay his pontoons ready to cross the river, but in the meantime will destroy all railroad property, all shops, factories, tanneries, &c., and all mills save one water mill of sufficient capacity to grind meal for the people of Fayetteville.

III...The Cavalry is charged with destroying the railroad trestles, depots, mills and factories as far up as lower Little River, including its bridge, and will be prepared to cross to the east of Cape Fear River during Monday night.

IV...Brevet Colonel O. M. Poe is charged with the utter demolition of the arsenal building, and everything pertaining to it; and Brevet Lieutenant Colonel T. G. Baylor, Chief Ordnance Officer, is charged with the destruction of all powder and Ordnance stores, including guns and small arms, keeping the usual record. The time allowed will be Sunday and Monday.

V...All commanding officers having refugee families or negroes in charge, will prepare a train, with a small guard, to proceed to Wilmington after crossing South River. An officer will be detailed from these Headquarters to conduct them to Wilmington. A guard of one hundred men of each wing, composed of men entitled to discharge, or escaped soldiers and officers, will be deemed a sufficient guard.

VI...The army will prepare to leave towards the northeast by Tuesday next.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

L. M. DAYTON,
Assistant Adjutant General.

SPECIAL FIELD ORDERS }
No. 29. }

HEADQUARTERS,
MILITARY DIVISION OF THE MISSISSIPPI,
In the Field, Fayetteville, N. C.,
March 12, 1865.

I...The General commanding takes pleasure in announcing to the army that he is now in communication with Wilmington, a steam tug having arrived. He will dispatch her with mail at 6 P. M. to-day and have some essential supplies brought up; but we have another march before reaching our true destination.

II...Lieutenant S. H. M. Byers, 5th Iowa Infantry, escaped prisoner, is detailed as bearer of dispatches, and will proceed in the tug boat now at the bridge to Wilmington and deliver his dispatches, thence to General Grant, at City Point, and thence to Washington City, to report to the Commissary General of Prisoners for instructions.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

L. M. DAYTON,
Assistant Adjutant General.

SPECIAL FIELD ORDERS } No. 32.	HEADQUARTERS, MILITARY DIVISION OF THE MISSISSIPPI, <i>In the Field, Fayetteville, N. C.,</i> <i>March 13, 1865.</i>
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I...Major John S. Winson, 116th Illinois Infantry, is hereby detailed to conduct to Wilmington all the refugees, white and black, that now encumber the army. The Commanding General of each wing, and of the Cavalry, will turn over to him all such refugees, with such wagons, horses, mules, &c., whether captured or public, as may be necessary to facilitate their journey, with a small supply of flour, bacon and beef cattle. Major Winson will conduct them to Wilmington and turn them over to the Quartermaster or Treasury agent, who will dispose of them according to laws or existing orders. A guard of one hundred men will be sent from each wing, composed of men entitled to discharge or furlough, provided with their papers, to take effect on arrival at Wilmington.

II...Major Winson will, on completion of this duty, return to his command, *via* Beaufort, North Carolina.

III...The Quartermaster's Department will supply Major Winson with all the facilities in its power to carry out this order.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

Assistant Adjutant General.

SPECIAL FIELD ORDERS

No. 33.

HEADQUARTERS,
 MILITARY DIVISION OF THE MISSISSIPPI,
In the Field, near Bentonville, N. C.
 March 21, 1865.

I...Major General Howard, commanding right wing, will retain only such wagons as are essential to immediate operations, and dispatch the balance under small escort to Kinston, for a supply of provisions. He will establish a temporary depot for his command, south of the Neuse River and east of the Wilmington and Goldsboro' railroad, in which to deposit his camp equipage, whilst his wagons are engaged in bringing up stores.

II...Major General Slocum, commanding left wing, will in like manner establish a temporary depot, at a point south of Neuse and west of the Wilmington and Goldsboro' railroad, in which to deposit his camp equipage, whilst his wagons are engaged in bringing him supplies from Kinston. He will send his wounded to a temporary hospital camp, on the Wilmington and Goldsboro' railroad, convenient to Goldsboro'.

The wagons needed for immediate operations will be shifted around the left flank of the right wing to a point between Cox's bridge and the rear of the right wing.

III...General Kilpatrick, commanding Cavalry, will in like manner establish a temporary depot on the Wilmington and Goldsboro' railroad, near Mount Olive station, to which point he will send all encumbrances that will impede his march.

IV...General Slocum will send his bridge train to Cox's bridge, to report to Major General Terry, who will effect a crossing of Neuse River at that point, and cover it on the north side by at least one brigade, entrenched. General Howard will send his bridge train to some good crossing between his temporary depot and Goldsboro'.

V...Major General Schofield, commanding Army of the Ohio, will occupy Goldsboro' and make disposition to cross over Little River, in the direction of Smithfield.

VI...Colonel W. W. Wright will use extraordinary exertions to complete the railroad into Goldsboro', and provide rolling stock for moving a maximum quantity of supplies.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

L. M. DAYTON,
Assistant Adjutant General.

SPECIAL FIELD ORDERS }
 No. 35.

HEADQUARTERS,
 MILITARY DIVISION OF THE MISSISSIPPI,
In the Field, Bentonville, N. C.,
 March 22, 1865.

The General commanding announces to this army that yesterday it beat, on its chosen ground, the concentrated armies of our enemy, who has fled in disorder, leaving his dead, wounded and prisoners in our hands, and burning his bridges on his retreat.

On the same day Major General Schofield, from Newbern, entered and occupied Goldsboro', and Major General Terry, from Wilmington, secured Cox's Bridge crossing, and laid a pontoon bridge across Nense River, so that our campaign has resulted in a glorious success. After a march of the most extraordinary character, near five hundred miles, over swamps and rivers, deemed impassable to others, at the most inclement season of the year, and drawing our chief supplies from a poor and wasted country, we reach our destination in good health and condition.

I thank the army and assure it that our Government and people honor them for this new display of the physical and moral qualities which reflect honor upon the whole nation.

You shall now have rest and all the supplies that can be brought from the rich granaries and storehouses of our magnificent country before again embarking on new and untried dangers.

W. T. SHERMAN,

Major General Commanding.

SPECIAL FIELD ORDERS }
 No. 36.

HEADQUARTERS,
 MILITARY DIVISION OF THE MISSISSIPPI,
In the Field, Goldsboro', N. C.,
 March 24, 1865.

I...Major General Schofield, commanding the Department of North Carolina, will, out of the troops now at his command, organize a force equivalent to two corps, or five divisions, and proceed to equip them in the most complete manner for *field* service. This force, while operating with the other armies in the field, will be styled the "Centre." For the present General Schofield will post his command to hold Goldsboro', and cover the railroads back to Wilmington and Morehead City. He will also aid the Railroad Department with details to enable it to finish, in the shortest possible time, the two roads, and equip them for service.

II...Colonel W. W. Wright, of the Railroad Department, will use extraordinary means, night and day, to complete the two railroads from Goldsboro' back to Morehead City and Wilmington, and to equip them to the capacity of 300 tons per day of freight. He may pay any price for labor, call for details of soldiers, and draw rolling stock from Savannah, Charleston, or any point within this command, and all commanding officers and Quartermasters will give preference to the shipment of such stock over that of any other work whatever, not involving life. The work of these railroads is limited and restricted to the transportation, in the order following, of "army stores":—

1st—Ammunition.

2d—Food for men.

3d—Clothing for men.

4th—Grain for animals.

5th—Camp and garrison equipage.

6th—Hay or long forage.

Until there is an accumulation of supplies at Goldsboro', enough to fill the wagons of the army, no officer, soldier, or citizen, or any private stores whatever, will be carried on the up trips, unless it be mail matter and officers or couriers bearing orders for army headquarters, and these not to exceed one car load per day. All else must march, or use horses and wagons, from the salt water to Goldsboro', until the army is thoroughly clothed and equipped. Return cars may load according to the discretion of the Quartermaster in charge, provided there be no delay. To facilitate the completion of these roads, Colonel Poe will cause the 1st Michigan Engineers to work back towards Newbern; General Howard will cause to be built the railroad bridge over Neuse, near Goldsboro'; General Slocum, the wagon road bridge on the Mount Olive road, and General Schofield the railroad bridge over the northeast branch near Wilmington, leaving Colonel Wright, with his working parties, to look after the laying and ballasting the track, and getting the cars in motion.

III...The Chief Quartermaster and Commissary of the army in the field, Generals Easton and Beckwith, will at once repair to Goldsboro', and there control the movement of supplies, according to the necessities of the army and orders issued at these general Headquarters. All estimates and requisitions will be addressed accordingly.

IV...The right wing of the army will group to the front and right of Goldsboro', looking north; the left wing in front and left of Goldsboro'; the centre in Goldsboro', with detachments to cover the railroads to the rear. The Cavalry will be posted at or near Mount Olive Station.

All will send foraging parties into the country, being careful to have them strong and well guarded.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

L. M. DAYTON,
Assistant Adjutant General.

SPECIAL FIELD ORDERS } No. 37.	} HEADQUARTERS, MILITARY DIVISION OF THE MISSISSIPPI, <i>In the Field, Goldsboro', N. C.,</i> March 24, 1865.
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I...Brevet Brigadier General Dodge, Chief Quartermaster Department of North Carolina, will, with all possible dispatch, procure from Charleston and Savannah all the railroad rolling stock which will be required to put the Wilmington and Goldsboro' railroad in working order to the required capacity.

II...To facilitate General Dodge in this work, he is authorized to make use of any ship he may deem necessary for transporting such stock, and all commanding officers at Savannah, Charleston, and Wilmington will assist him to any degree he may require.

III...Brevet Brigadier General Easton, Chief Quartermaster Military Division of the Mississippi, will furnish General Dodge a suitable steamer to proceed at once to the execution of his orders.

IV...Captain Justin Hodge, Assistant Quartermaster, United States Volunteers, is hereby relieved from duty with Major General H. W. Slocum, commanding left wing, and will report to Brevet Brigadier General Dodge, Chief Quartermaster Department of North Carolina, for orders.

V...To facilitate operations of refitting and reorganization, Army Commanders will establish an office at Wilmington and Newbern, to be in charge of a staff officer, with instructions to receive and

dispatch couriers to and from their commands, give the necessary directions to officers and soldiers joining their commands, and such other instructions as may be deemed desirable.

VI...The Quartermasters at Wilmington and Newbern will give officers assigned to duty, by virtue of this order, all the assistance necessary for office rooms, &c.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

L. M. DAYTON,
Assistant Adjutant General.

SPECIAL FIELD ORDERS }
No. 38. }

HEADQUARTERS,
MILITARY DIVISION OF THE MISSISSIPPI,
In the Field, Goldsboro', N. C.,
March 25, 1865.

I...The General commanding announces that he will be absent a few days on most important business concerning the future.

During his absence Major General Schofield will exercise supreme command, and it is announced that the rank of the general officers, according to the rules established by the War Department, is—

- 1st. Major General Schofield.
- 2d. Major General Howard.
- 3d. Major General Slocum.

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V...Brevet Major General Kilpatrick, commanding Third Cavalry Division, will designate some suitable officer of the 5th Regiment Kentucky Cavalry, who will, through his directions, by virtue of this order, take command of the non-veteran officers and enlisted men belonging to Kentucky regiments now serving in the Third Cavalry Division, who are entitled to discharge by reason of expiration of term of service, and proceed to Kentucky to be discharged according to law.

The Quartermaster's Department will furnish the necessary transportation.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

L. M. DAYTON,
Assistant Adjutant General.

SPECIAL FIELD ORDERS }
 ' No. 40. }

HEADQUARTERS,
 MILITARY DIVISION OF THE MISSISSIPPI,
In the Field, Goldsboro', N. C.,
 March 27, 1865.

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IV...In the absence of Brevet Lieutenant Colonel Baylor, Chief of Ordnance, Captain D. H. Buel, Chief of Ordnance, Army of the Tennessee, is charged with the supervision of matters in the Ordnance Department for this army, and is authorized, in the performance of his duty, to proceed to Newbern and Fort Monroe and return.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

L. M. DAYTON,
Assistant Adjutant General.

HEADQUARTERS,
 MILITARY DIVISION OF THE MISSISSIPPI,
In the Field, Goldsboro', N. C., March 27, 1865.

[CIRCULAR.]

Colonel A. H. Markland has full authority for the distribution of mail matter for this army, and to the end that great facility may be given thereto, he will for the present receive mail at Newbern, and there distribute it in packages for regiments, brigades, divisions and corps, and from there forward it to Goldsboro', by messengers of the Military Mail Department, at which point he will deliver it only to such persons as Corps Commanders may designate, viz: one (1) postmaster for each corps. It will be the duty of such postmaster to distribute his corps mail in conformity to directions from the Corps Commander. Brigade, division and corps postmasters or messengers will not be allowed transportation, or permitted to pass to and from Newbern, but Army Commanders, under existing orders, may dispatch couriers to their general Headquarters at Newbern or Wilmington, and will receive their Headquarters mail at those points, or at Goldsboro', at their discretion. Mail matter to be dispatched from this army, grouped about Goldsboro', Faisons, and Mount Olive, will be delivered to Colonel Markland, or the agent at Goldsboro'.

Mail matter for citizen employés must be directed in care of some officer, otherwise it will not be delivered.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

L. M. DAYTON,
Assistant Adjutant General

SPECIAL FIELD ORDERS }
 No. 42.

HEADQUARTERS,
 MILITARY DIVISION OF THE MISSISSIPPI,
In the Field, Goldsboro', N. C.,
 March 30, 1865.

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V...Surgeon F. W. Reilly, 26th Regiment Illinois Veteran Volunteers, is hereby directed to visit the hospitals at Savannah, Georgia, and Hilton Head, South Carolina, for the purpose of ascertaining what soldiers therein and belonging to organizations in this command are able to perform duty in the field, to the end that the men rejoin their commands. Upon completion of this duty Surgeon Reilly will rejoin his command, wherever it may be.

The Quartermaster's Department will furnish transportation.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

L. M. DAYTON,
Assistant Adjutant General.

SPECIAL FIELD ORDERS }
 No. 44.

HEADQUARTERS,
 MILITARY DIVISION OF THE MISSISSIPPI,
In the Field, Goldsboro', N. C.,
 April 1, 1865.

I...The 13th Regiment Pennsylvania Volunteers, Cavalry, is hereby transferred from the Department of North Carolina and Army of the Ohio to the 3d Division Cavalry Corps, and the commanding officer will report to Brevet Major General J. Kilpatrick for orders.

II...Brevet Major General Kilpatrick, commanding Cavalry, will move his command and take position in front of the army, towards Weldon.

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VII...The following is announced as the organization of this Army:—

Right Wing—Army of the Tennessee, 15th and 17th Corps, Major General O. O. Howard commanding.

Left Wing—Army of Georgia, 14th and 20th Corps, Major General H. W. Slocum commanding.

Centre—Army of Ohio, 10th and 23d Corps, Major General J. M. Schofield commanding.

Cavalry—Brevet Major General J. Kilpatrick commanding.

VIII...Each of these commanders will exercise the powers prescribed by law for a General commanding a separate department or army in the field.

IX...Major General Joseph A. Mower is hereby, subject to the approval of the President, appointed to command the 20th Corps, *vice* Slocum, promoted to the command of an army in the field.

X...Brigadier General Charles Wolcott is hereby transferred from the Army of the Tennessee to the Army of Georgia, for assignment to the command of a division, made vacant.

XI...Brigadier General Charles Ewing, having been promoted, is hereby relieved from staff duty at these Headquarters, and will report to Major General Howard for assignment to duty, according to his rank.

XII...Surgeon Goodman, United States Volunteers, is hereby relieved from duty as Medical Director of the 20th Army Corps, and assigned as Medical Director of the Army of Georgia, and will report to Major General H. W. Slocum, commanding.

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XIV...The 23d Battery, New York Volunteers, is hereby transferred from the Department of North Carolina and Army of Ohio to the Cavalry Corps, and the commanding officer will report to Brevet Major General Kilpatrick, commanding Third Division, Cavalry Corps, for assignment to duty.

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By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

L. M. DAYTON,
Assistant Adjutant General.

SPECIAL FIELD ORDERS }
No. 45. }

HEADQUARTERS,
MILITARY DIVISION OF THE MISSISSIPPI,
In the Field, Goldsboro', N. C.,
April 2, 1865.

I...In order to equalize the means of transportation in the army, the following named transfers will be made immediately :—

<i>Wagons and teams complete.</i>	<i>Ambulances and teams complete.</i>
From 14th Army Corps 7	—
From 15th Army Corps 190	58
From 17th Army Corps 7	11
From 20th Army Corps 81	—

To be transferred to the Army of the Ohio.

In making these transfers, the worst animals, wagons, ambulances, harness, &c., will not be selected, but an average number, as regards condition, must be transferred from each corps.

A board of officers to consist of Colonel Parry, 47th Ohio Volunteers, Infantry, Lieutenant Colonel W. J. Jordan, 104th Ohio Volunteers, Infantry, and Major Francis Lackner, 26th Wisconsin Volunteers, will assemble at the office of the Chief Quartermaster, April 4th, at 12 o'clock m., to inspect the property when selected for transfer, and report on its condition, and whether these orders have been properly carried out.

Major General Schofield will designate a Quartermaster of his command to receive and account for the property so transferred.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman:

L. M. DAYTON,
Assistant Adjutant General.

SPECIAL FIELD ORDERS }
No. 47. }

HEADQUARTERS,
MILITARY DIVISION OF THE MISSISSIPPI,
In the Field, Goldsboro', N. C.,
April 4, 1865.

I...Brigadier General Charles Cruft, in command of the Provisional Division of troops belonging to the corps of this army, having reported in person in obedience to instructions from Major General G. H. Thomas, will distribute those troops, on arrival, with all possible dispatch, to their several Corps Commanders, and will then return at leisure, taking his staff, to the Headquarters Department of the Cumberland, and report by letter to General Thomas.

The Quartermaster's Department will furnish transportation.

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By order of Major General W. T. Sherman:

L. M. DAYTON,
Assistant Adjutant General.

SPECIAL FIELD ORDERS }
 No. 48. }

HEADQUARTERS,
 MILITARY DIVISION OF THE MISSISSIPPI,
In the Field, Goldsboro', N. C.,
 April 5, 1865.

[*Confidential to Army Commanders, Corps Commanders, and
 Chiefs of Staff Departments.*]

The next grand objective is to place this army, with its full equipment, north of Roanoke River, facing west, with a base for supplies at Norfolk, and at Wynton or Murfreesboro', on the Chowan, and in full communication with the Army of the Potomac about Petersburg; and also to do the enemy as much harm as possible *en route*.

I...To accomplish this result, the following general plan will be followed, or modified only by written orders from these Headquarters, should events require a change:—

First.—On Monday, the 10th of April, all preparations are presumed to be complete, and the outlying detachments will be called in, or given directions to meet the next march. All preparations will also be complete to place the railroad stock back of "Kinston" on the one road, and below the "Northeast Branch" on the other.

Second.—On Tuesday, the 11th, the columns will draw out on their lines of march, say about seven miles, and close up.

Third.—On Wednesday the march will begin in earnest, and will be kept up at the rate, say, of about 12 miles a day, or according to the amount of resistance. All the columns will dress to the left, which is the exposed flank, and commanders will study always to find roads by which they can, if necessary, perform a general left wheel, the wagons to be escorted on to some place of security on the direct route of march. Foraging and other details may continue as heretofore, only more caution and prudence should be observed, and foragers should not go in advance of the *advance guard*, but look more to our right rear for corn, bacon, and meal.

II...The left wing, Major General Slocum commanding, will aim straight for the railroad bridge near Smithfield; thence along up the Neuse River to the railroad bridge over Neuse River, northeast of Raleigh, (Powell's;) thence to Warrenton, the general point of concentration.

The centre, Major General Schofield commanding, will move to Whitley's Mill, ready to support the left until it is past Smithfield, when it will follow up, substantially, Little River to about Roles-

ville, ready at all times to move to the support of the left; after passing Tar River to move to Warrenton.

The right wing, Major General Howard commanding, preceded by the Cavalry, will move rapidly on Pikeville and Nahunta, then swing across to Bulah and Folk's bridges, ready to make junction with the other armies in case the enemy offers battle this side of Neuse River about Smithfield; thence, in case of no serious opposition on the left, will work up towards Earpsboro', Andrews, "B" and Warrenton.

The Cavalry, General Kilpatrick commanding, leaving its encumbrances with the right wing, will push as though straight for Weldon until the enemy is across Tar River, and that bridge burned; then it will deflect towards Nashville and Warrenton, keeping up a general communication with general Headquarters.

III...As soon as the army starts the Chief Quartermaster and Commissary will prepare a re-supply of stores at some point in Pamlico and Albemarle Sounds, ready to be conveyed to Kinston, or Wynton and Murfreesboro', according to developments. As soon as they have satisfactory information that the army is north of the Roanoke, they will forthwith establish a depot at Wynton, with a sub-depot at Murfreesboro'. Major General Schofield will hold, as heretofore, Wilmington, with the bridge across Northeast Branch as an outpost, Newbern, and Kinston as its outpost, and will be prepared to hold Wynton and Murfreesboro' as soon as the time arrives for that move. The Navy has instructions from Admiral Porter to co-operate, and any commanding officer is authorized to call on the Navy for assistance and co-operation, always in writing, setting forth the reasons, of which, of necessity, the Naval Commander is the judge.

IV...The General-in-Chief will be with the centre, habitually, but may, in person, shift to either flank where his presence may be needed, leaving a staff officer to receive reports. He requires, absolutely, a report of each army or grand detachment, each night, whether anything material has occurred or not.

Often the absence of an enemy is a very important fact in military prognostication.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

L. M. DAYTON,
Assistant Adjutant General.

SPECIAL FIELD ORDERS }
 No. 49. }

HEADQUARTERS,
 MILITARY DIVISION OF THE MISSISSIPPI,
In the Field, Goldsboro', N. C.,
 April 6, 1865.

I...Sergeant William A. Rase, Company "C," 13th Regiment Iowa Veteran Volunteers, will proceed, as bearer of dispatches, *via* Morehead City, N. C., to Old Point, where he will deliver dispatches for Lieutenant General Grant, and thence to Washington, where he will deliver dispatches to Major General Halleck, Chief of Staff, and to the Adjutant General of the Army, when he will avail himself of a furlough, which he has, and then rejoin his regiment.

The Quartermaster's Department will furnish transportation to Washington, and from New York to his command, in return.

II...The General-in-Chief announces, for the information of this army, the following resolutions received:—

"Whereas The official announcement of the fall of Charleston, the 'Cradle of Secession,' has been received, therefore,

"*Be it resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Louisiana in General Assembly convened:* That we tender our most hearty thanks to the gallant officers and men of the army of the illustrious Sherman, who have, under God, been the instruments of accomplishment of so glorious an achievement.

"*Be it further resolved, &c.,* That in the late glorious victories of General Sherman we recognize the hand of God as directing the affairs of our country, and as an evidence of the speedy return of peace.

(Signed) SIMEON BELDEN,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

(Signed) J. MADISON WELLS,
Lieutenant Governor and President of the Senate.

Approved March 3, 1865.

(Signed) MICHAEL HAHN,
Governor."

III...The following telegram, just received, is announced with great pleasure and satisfaction by the General-in-Chief for the information of the army:—

"FROM CITY POINT, VA., April 4, 1865.

To Major General W. T. SHERMAN:

On Monday morning, the second, (2d,) we charged and carried the enemy's entire line south of the Appomattox, defeated and drove back Lee's army, and the same evening enveloped Petersburg from the Appomattox above to the river below. About one (1) o'clock Monday morning Petersburg was evacuated, and we took possession of it at 8.15. Weitzel took possession of Richmond from his position north of the James. Jeff. Davis and his cabinet,

and Lee, with most of his army, are retreating in hot haste towards Danville; the other column is falling back on Lynchburg. We are pursuing vigorously, and prisoners will number from twelve thousand (12,000) to fifteen thousand, (15,000,) with several hundred pieces of Artillery. Much of the tobacco and cotton in Petersburg and Richmond was burned by the enemy. He also attempted to burn Richmond. Weitzel succeeded in putting out the fires, but not until several districts were in ruins. Everything is quiet there now, and the people receive our army with great rejoicing.

(Signed) T. S. BOWERS,
Assistant Adjutant General."

Army Commanders will order a salute of (100) one hundred guns to be fired from each permanent fort on the seaboard in the Department of North Carolina and Department of the South, in honor of the event.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

L. M. DAYTON,
Assistant Adjutant General.

SPECIAL FIELD ORDERS } No. 50.	} HEADQUARTERS, MILITARY DIVISION OF THE MISSISSIPPI, <i>In the Field, Goldsboro, N. C.,</i> <i>April 7, 1865.</i>
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I...Surgeon E. J. Buck, 18th Wisconsin Volunteers, will at once proceed to Wilmington, N. C., and ascertain, by visiting hospitals, the condition of the sick and convalescents of this army, reported as being in that place. This duty he will perform with all possible dispatch, and return to his command, making report to Surgeon Moore, Medical Director of the army.

The Quartermaster's Department will furnish transportation.

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IV...Major General C. Schurz, United States Volunteers, having reported for duty in accordance with Special Orders No. 67, Headquarters Armies of the United States, will report to Major General H. W. Slocum, commanding army of Georgia, for assignment.

The personal staff of Major General Schurz will accompany him.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

L. M. DAYTON,
Assistant Adjutant General.

SPECIAL FIELD ORDERS } HEADQUARTERS,
 No. 52. } MILITARY DIVISION OF THE MISSISSIPPI,
In the Field, Moccasin Creek,
April 10, 1865.

I...Captain Montgomery Rochester, Assistant Adjutant General, Volunteers, is hereby relieved from duty at Headquarters Military Division of the Mississippi, and assigned to the Army of Georgia, and will report in person to Major General H. W. Slocum, in the field, for assignment.

II...In the coming campaign, and during the absence of General Beckwith, Chief Commissary of Subsistence, Lieutenant Colonel D. Reinick, Chief Commissary of Subsistence Army of the Tennessee, will act as Chief Commissary of Subsistence of the army in the field, and will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

L. M. DAYTON,
Assistant Adjutant General.

SPECIAL FIELD ORDERS } HEADQUARTERS,
 No. 53. } MILITARY DIVISION OF THE MISSISSIPPI,
In the Field, Smithfield, N. C.,
April 11, 1865.

The movement will proceed rapidly, but also with due caution, on Raleigh.

I...General Howard, commanding Army of the Tennessee, will send one corps as rapidly as possible east of the Neuse to Raleigh, *via* Hinton's bridge, (the Neuse Mills.) The other corps will move by Pineville and the river road, prepared to cross over, on the sound of battle, by the bridge at Pineville or at Battle's bridge.

II...General Slocum's column will be the column of direction, and will move straight on Raleigh, and, if possible, will use roads lying between Swift Creek and the Neuse, but if compelled to use the road across Swift Creek will not follow it west of the road leading from Elevation to Raleigh.

III...General Schofield, commanding Army of the Ohio, will cross the Neuse at Turner's bridge and take any road convenient, west of the one prescribed for General Slocum, and be prepared to pass the enemy's flank if he attempts to hold an entrenched line, or to support General Slocum if he needs it.

IV...The Cavalry, General Kilpatrick, will operate from the left flank of the army, and will, in case the enemy breaks or manifests disorder, pursue with vehemence.

V...All the columns may safely leave their supply trains well to the rear, and be ready to engage the enemy with strong skirmish lines, whenever encountered. Should the enemy attack any one of the columns it must hold him, and all others must turn on his flank and rear.

VI...If the enemy retreats through and beyond Raleigh, he must be pursued; but a new order will be prescribed from Raleigh.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

L. M. DAYTON,
Assistant Adjutant General.

SPECIAL FIELD ORDERS } No. 54.	} HEADQUARTERS, MILITARY DIVISION OF THE MISSISSIPPI, <i>In the Field, Smithfield, N. C., April 12, 1865.</i>
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The General commanding announces to the army that he has official notice from General Grant that General Lee surrendered to him his entire army on the 9th instant, at Appomattox Court House, Virginia.

Glory to God and to our country, and all honor to our comrades in arms, towards whom we are marching.

A little more labor, a little more toil on our part, the great race is won, and our Government stands regenerated after four long years of bloody war.

W. T. SHERMAN,
Major General Commanding.

SPECIAL FIELD ORDERS } No. 55.	} HEADQUARTERS, MILITARY DIVISION OF THE MISSISSIPPI, <i>In the Field, Raleigh, N. C., April 14, 1865.</i>
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The next movement will be on Ashboro', to turn the position of the enemy at Company's Shops in rear of Haw River bridge, and at Greensboro', and to cut off his only available line of retreat by Salisbury and Charlotte.

I...General Kilpatrick will keep up a show of pursuit in the direction of Hillsboro' and Graham, but be ready to cross the Haw River on General Howard's bridge, near Pittsboro', and thence will operate towards Greensboro', on the right front of the right wing.

II...The right wing, Major General Howard commanding, will move out on the Chapel Hill road, and send a light division up in the direction of Chapel Hill University, in connection with the Cavalry; but the main columns and trains will move *via* Hackney's Cross-Roads and Trades' Hill, Pittsboro', St. Lawrence, &c., to be followed by the Cavalry and light division, as soon as the bridge is laid over Haw River.

III...The centre, Major General Schofield commanding, will move *via* Holly Springs, New Hill, Haywood, and Moffit's Mills.

IV...The left wing, Major General Slocum commanding, will move rapidly by the Aven's Ferry road, Carthage, Caledonia, and Cox's Mills.

V...All the troops will draw well out on the roads designated during to-day and to-morrow, and on the following day will move with all possible rapidity for Ashboro'. No further destruction of railroads, mills, cotton and produce will be made without specific orders of an army commander, and the inhabitants will be dealt with kindly, looking to an early reconciliation. The troops will be permitted, however, to gather forage and provisions as heretofore, only more care should be taken not to strip the poorer classes too closely.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

L. M. DAYTON,
Assistant Adjutant General.

SPECIAL FIELD ORDERS }
No. 56. }

HEADQUARTERS,
MILITARY DIVISION OF THE MISSISSIPPI,
In the Field, Raleigh, N. C.,
April 17, 1865.

The General commanding announces with pain and sorrow that on the evening of the 11th instant, at the Theatre in Washington City, His Excellency, the President of the United States, Mr. Lincoln, was assassinated by one who uttered the State motto of Virginia. At the same time the Secretary of State, Mr. Seward, whilst suffering from a broken arm, was also stabbed by another

murderer in his own house, but still survives, and his son was wounded, supposed fatally. It is believed, by persons capable of judging, that other high officers were designed to share the same fate. Thus it seems that our enemy, despairing of meeting us in open, manly warfare, begin to resort to the assassin's tools.

Your General does not wish you to infer that this is universal, for he knows that the great mass of the Confederate army would scorn to sanction such acts, but he believes it the legitimate consequence of rebellion against rightful authority.

We have met every phase which this war has assumed, and must now be prepared for it in its last and worst shape, that of assassins and guerrillas; but *woe* unto the people who seek to expend their wild passions in such a manner, for there is but one dread result.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman:

L. M. DAYTON,

Assistant Adjutant General.

SPECIAL FIELD ORDERS }
 No. 57. }

HEADQUARTERS,
 MILITARY DIVISION OF THE MISSISSIPPI,
In the Field, Raleigh, N. C.,
 April 18, 1865.

I...Major Henry Hitchcock, Assistant Adjutant General, member of the personal staff of the General-in-Chief, will proceed, with dispatches from him, to Washington, without delay, deliver them to Major General Halleck, receive answers to the same, and return here with all possible expedition. The Quartermaster's Department will furnish the necessary transportation, and furnish Major Hitchcock with all means to facilitate him in the execution of his orders.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman:

L. M. DAYTON,

Assistant Adjutant General.

SPECIAL FIELD ORDERS }
 No. 58. }

HEADQUARTERS,
 MILITARY DIVISION OF THE MISSISSIPPI,
In the Field, Raleigh, N. C.,
 April 19, 1865.

The General commanding announces to the army a suspension of hostilities, and an agreement with General Johnson, and other high officials, which, when formally ratified, will make peace from the Potomac to the Rio Grande.

Until the absolute *peace* is arranged, a line passing through Terrell's Mount, Chapel Hill University, Durham's Station and West Point, on the Neuse River, will separate the two armies.

Each army commander will group his camps entirely with a view to comfort, health and good police.

All the details of military discipline must still be maintained, and the General hopes and believes that in a very few days it will be his good fortune to conduct you all to your homes.

The fame of this army for courage, industry and discipline, is admitted all over the world! Then let each officer and man see that it is not stained by any act of vulgarity, rowdyism or petty crime.

The Cavalry will patrol the front line. General Howard will take charge of the district from Raleigh up to the Cavalry. General Slocum, to the left of Raleigh, and General Schofield in Raleigh, its right and rear.

Quartermasters and Commissaries will keep their supplies up to a light load for their wagons, and the Railroad Superintendent will arrange a depot for the convenience of each separate army.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

L. M. DAYTON,
Assistant Adjutant General.

SPECIAL FIELD ORDERS }
No. 61. }

HEADQUARTERS,
MILITARY DIVISION OF THE MISSISSIPPI,
In the Field, Raleigh, N. C.,
April 23, 1865.

I...Brigadier General Charles J. Stalbrand, having reported at these Headquarters, pursuant to Paragraph XXVI, Special Orders No. 152, current series, War Department, will report in person to Major General O. O. Howard, commanding Army of the Tennessee, for assignment.

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By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

L. M. DAYTON,
Assistant Adjutant General.

SPECIAL FIELD ORDERS } HEADQUARTERS,
 No. 62. } MILITARY DIVISION OF THE MISSISSIPPI,
In the Field, Raleigh, N. C.,
April 24, 1865.

The suspension of hostilities proclaimed in Special Field Orders No. 58 will terminate at 12 o'clock M. on Wednesday, the 26th instant, and hostilities will be resumed. The movement against the enemy will be made according to the plan laid down in Special Field Orders No. 55, of date April 14, 1865.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

L. M. DAYTON,
Assistant Adjutant General.

SPECIAL FIELD ORDERS } HEADQUARTERS,
 No. 63. } MILITARY DIVISION OF THE MISSISSIPPI,
In the Field, Raleigh, N. C.,
April 25, 1865.

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II...Brevet Major General J. E. Smith is hereby relieved from duty with the Army of the Tennessee, and will report in person to Lieutenant General U. S. Grant, commanding armies of the United States.

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By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

L. M. DAYTON,
Assistant Adjutant General.

SPECIAL FIELD ORDERS } HEADQUARTERS,
 No. 65. } MILITARY DIVISION OF THE MISSISSIPPI,
In the Field, Raleigh, N. C.,
April 27, 1865.

The General commanding announces a further suspension of hostilities, and a final agreement with General Johnston, which terminates the war as to the armies under his command and the country east of the Chattahoochee.

Copies of the terms of the convention will be furnished Major Generals Schofield, Gillmore and Wilson, who are specially charged with the execution of its details in the Department of North Carolina, Department of the South, and at Macon and Western Georgia.

Carolina, and General Kilpatrick will report in person to Major General Schofield for orders.

II...The Cavalry command of Major General George Stoneman will return to East Tennessee, and that of Brevet Major General J. H. Wilson will be conducted back to the Tennessee River, in the neighborhood of Decatur, Alabama.

III...Major General Howard will conduct the Army of the Tennessee to Richmond, Virginia. following roads substantially by Louisburg, Warrenton, Lawrenceville, and Petersburg, or to the right of that line. Major General Slocum will conduct the Army of Georgia to Richmond by roads to the left of the one indicated for General Howard, viz: by Oxford, Boydtown and Nottoway Court-House.

These armies will turn in at this point the contents of their Ordnance trains, and use the wagons for extra forage and provisions. These columns will be conducted slowly and in the best of order, and will aim to be at Richmond ready to resume the march by the middle of May.

IV...The Chief Quartermaster and Commissary of the Military Division, Generals Easton and Beckwith, after making the proper disposition of their Departments here, will proceed to Richmond and make suitable preparation to receive these columns, and to provide them for their further journey.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman:

L. M. DAYTON,
Assistant Adjutant General.

SPECIAL FIELD ORDERS } No 67.	} <hr style="width: 50px; margin: 0 auto;"/> HEADQUARTERS, MILITARY DIVISION OF THE MISSISSIPPI, <i>In the Field, Raleigh, N. C.,</i> <i>April 27, 1865.</i>
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I...Major General Carl Schurz, having reported at these Headquarters, by orders from Major General Slocum relieving him from duty with the Army of Georgia, will report in person to Lieutenant General Grant for orders. He will take his personal staff with him.

II...It being represented that a number of men, about one thousand, convalescents, recruits, &c., debris of this army, and a number not belonging to this command, are in the Department of

North Carolina without any record, Major General Schofield, commanding Department of North Carolina, will take charge of them, turning over to the Quartermaster's Department such as are fit for laboring, and such as are fit for fatigue service will be sent to Alexandria, subject to the orders of the War Department.

The Chief Quartermaster will forward all men, reported to him under these instructions, to Alexandria at his convenience, and without unnecessary cost to the Government for transportation.

III...Brigadier General Henry Prince, United States Volunteers, having completed the distribution of recruits, convalescents, &c., belonging to this army, with which he was charged, is hereby relieved from duty in this Military Division, and will report to the Adjutant General of the Army.

The Quartermaster's Department will furnish transportation.

IV...1st Lieutenant D. Snelling, Company "I," 1st Alabama Cavalry, commanding detachment of that regiment, on duty at these Headquarters as couriers, is, with the detachment, relieved, and will join his command without delay. Lieutenant Snelling having reported this detachment to the commanding officer of their regiment, will avail himself of a leave of absence of thirty (30) days, at the expiration of which he will rejoin his regiment, wherever it may be.

In relieving this detachment, the General-in-Chief desires to thank Lieutenant Snelling, and the men under his charge, for the faithful manner in which they have ever performed any duty called for.

The promptness with which all dispatches have been delivered by them, during two long campaigns, is due to their zeal, fidelity and intelligence.

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By order of Major General W. T. Sherman:

L. M. DAYTON,
Assistant Adjutant General.

SPECIAL FIELD ORDERS }
No. 68. }

HEADQUARTERS,
MILITARY DIVISION OF THE MISSISSIPPI,
In the Field, Raleigh, N. C.,

April 28, 1865.

I...The general Headquarters of this Military Division will be removed from Newbern and established at Alexandria, Virginia. All current business will be addressed accordingly.

II...The following officers, on duty at field Headquarters, will proceed to join general Headquarters, *via* Newbern, aiming to reach there on or before June 1, 1865:—

Brevet Major General Wm. F. Barry and Staff.
 Captain John E. Marshall, Assistant Adjutant General.
 Lieutenant A. G. Verplank, Aide-de-Camp.
 Brevet Colonel O. M. Poe, Chief Engineer.
 Brevet Lieutenant Colonel T. G. Baylor, Chief of Ordnance.
 Major H. Hitchcock, Assistant Adjutant General.
 Brevet Major Geo. W. Nichols, Additional Aide-de-Camp.
 Captain Samuel Bachtell, Signal Officer.
 Surgeon John Moore, Medical Director.

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By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

L. M. DAYTON,
Assistant Adjutant General.

GENERAL ORDERS }
 No. 2. }

HEADQUARTERS,
 MILITARY DIVISION OF THE MISSISSIPPI,
Alexandria, Va., May 9, 1865.

The following resolutions, adopted by the respective State governments therein named, are published for the information of the command:—

Senate Concurrent Resolutions No. 6.

“WHEREAS, the City of Savannah, Georgia, has been captured by the Union forces, and the old flag now floats unchallenged over that important Atlantic Port, and until now a stronghold of Rebeldom—

“*Resolved*, by the Senate, the Assembly concurring, that the thanks and congratulations of the State of Nevada be extended to the gallant Sherman and his army, who have gained this great victory after a march unparalleled in courage of design and brilliancy of execution.

“*Resolved*, That the Governor be authorized to transmit a copy of these resolutions to the Secretary of War, with the request that the Secretary of War forward the same to the Major General commanding the Union army of the Southeast.”

Adopted December 29, 1864.

Concurrent Resolutions Complimentary to Generals Grant, Sherman, Sheridan, and Thomas, and to Vice-Admiral Farragut and Commodore Winslow.

“*Resolved*, That the thanks of the Legislature representing the State of New York are hereby tendered to Major General William T. Sherman, and the

officers and men of his command, for the series of superb victories, culminating in the capture of Atlanta, and for the skillfully executed march from the mountains to the sea, which challenged the admiration of the world, resulted in the capture of Savannah, with many millions of public property, and demonstrated that the so-called Confederacy is indeed but a shell.

"*Resolved*, That his Excellency, the Governor, is hereby respectfully requested to transmit a copy of each of the foregoing resolutions to the officers specially named therein."

Adopted January, 1865.

Resolutions of Thanks to Major General William T. Sherman.

"*Resolved*, That the thanks of the General Assembly of the State of Rhode Island are hereby tendered to Major General William T. Sherman, and to the officers and men of his command, for the series of brilliant victories culminating in the capture of Atlanta, and for the skillfully executed march from the mountains to the sea, resulting in the capture of Savannah, with many millions of public property.

"*Resolved*, That his Excellency, the Governor, be requested to transmit a copy of the above resolution to Major General Sherman."

Adopted January session, 1865.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

R. M. SAWYER,

Assistant Adjutant General.

SPECIAL FIELD ORDERS }
No. 69. }

HEADQUARTERS,
MILITARY DIVISION OF THE MISSISSIPPI,
In the Field, Manchester, Va., May 10, 1865.

The march of the army northward will be resumed as follows :—

I...The left wing, Major General H. W. Slocum, will cross the James River on the pontoon bridges, and pass through Richmond to Hanover Court-House, and thence by roads through or to the left of Chilsbury, Warrenton Junction, Centreville, and Fairfax Court-House, to a camp near Alexandria, Virginia.

II...The right wing, Major General O. O. Howard, will follow at leisure, passing through Richmond to Hanover Court-House, and thence, by roads to the east of those prescribed for the left wing, substantially by Bowling Green, Fredericksburg, Stafford Court-House, and Dumfries, to a camp near Alexandria.

III...The Chief Quartermaster, General Easton, and Chief Commissary, General Beckwith, will, on completing supplies at this point, hasten to Alexandria and make suitable preparations for the

reception of this army on its arrival there; and the Commanding General of each army will send a Staff officer to Alexandria in advance, to select suitable camps for their armies; the right wing within four miles of the town and to the south of the Manassas road, and the left wing about the same distance from town and to the north of this road.

IV...The General-in-Chief will accompany the left wing as far as Hanover Court-House, and thence travel with the right wing. The troops must be marched slowly, not to exceed fifteen miles a day, unless specially ordered by a Corps Commander.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

L. M. DAYTON,
Assistant Adjutant General.

SPECIAL FIELD ORDERS	}	HEADQUARTERS,
No. 70.		MILITARY DIVISION OF THE MISSISSIPPI, <i>In the Field, Manchester, Va.,</i> May 11, 1865.

I...Private Martin Ward, 7th Company Ohio Independent Sharpshooters, will proceed to Washington, D. C., in company with Major General O. O. Howard, United States Volunteers, as bearer of dispatches to the Adjutant General of the Army, and also to get receipts for dispatches taken to the Chief of Staff by General Howard. Upon obtaining the receipts he will proceed to Alexandria, Virginia, and report to the general Headquarters Military Division of the Mississippi, and await the arrival of these Headquarters at that place.

The Quartermaster's Department will furnish the necessary transportation.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman :

L. M. DAYTON,
Assistant Adjutant General.

SPECIAL FIELD ORDERS	}	HEADQUARTERS,
No. 71.		MILITARY DIVISION OF THE MISSISSIPPI, <i>In the Field, Alexandria, Va.,</i> May 20, 1865.

I...To make the review ordered for this army in the City of Washington on Wednesday, May 24, the two wings, without knapsacks

and with two days' cooked rations in haversacks, will, during Tuesday, close well up on the Long bridge, the right wing in advance. On Wednesday, at break of day, the troops will move out of bivouac by the right flank, and march till the head of column is closed up to the Capitol ground, and then mass as close as possible east of the canal, ready to march, according to Special Orders No. 239, Adjutant General's Office, May 18, by close columns of companies, right in front, guide left, by the route prescribed. When the companies fall below fifteen files, the battalions will form column by division. At nine a. m. precisely, a signal gun will be fired by the leading battery, when the head of column will march around the Capitol, down Pennsylvania avenue, and pass the reviewing stand in front of the President's House, and thence to the new camps or to a bivouac, according to the pleasure of the army commanders. All colors will be unfurled from the Capitol to a point beyond the President's reviewing stand. The General-in-Chief will ride at the head of column, and take post near the reviewing officer. The commanders of each army, corps and division, attended by one staff officer, will dismount after passing the General-in-Chief, and join him whilst his army, corps, or division is passing, when he will remount and join his command. Officers commanding regiments and above, will present swords on passing the reviewing officer, but company officers will make no salute.

Brigade bands and consolidated field music will turn out, and play as the brigade passes the reviewing officer, but will be careful to cease playing in time for the music of the succeeding band to be heard. One band per division may play during the march from the Capitol to the Treasury building. The colors of each battalion will salute by drooping in passing the stand, and the field music will make the three ruffles without interrupting the "march" of the band. Should intervals occur in the column, care will be taken that divisions pass the reviewing stand compactly, and if the passage of the bridge draw cut the column, the march will continue with as little interruption as possible, at full distance. Army commanders will make all subordinate arrangements as to guides, &c.

II...Army commanders may at once select new camps east of the Potomac, the right wing above Washington, left lying below; and make arrangements with the Quartermaster's Department to collect fuel, forage, &c., in advance, at their new camps, and may march

thereto direct from the review, by routes that will not interrupt the progress of the columns behind. The wagon trains, with camp equipage and knapsacks, can follow the day after the review.

III...Mustering officers will see at once to the preparation of rolls for pay and discharge of the organizations, and men that are to be discharged under existing orders of the War Department; but no discharges will be made out till after the review.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman:

L. M. DAYTON,
Assistant Adjutant General.

SPECIAL FIELD ORDERS } No. 76.	} HEADQUARTERS, MILITARY DIVISION OF THE MISSISSIPPI, <i>In the Field, Washington, D. C.,</i> <i>May 30, 1865.</i>
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The General commanding announces to the Armies of the Tennessee and Georgia that the time has come for us to part. Our work is done, and armed enemies no longer defy us. Some of you will go to your homes and others will be retained in military service till further orders.

And now that we are about to separate, to mingle with the civil world, it becomes a pleasing duty to recall to mind the situation of national affairs when, but a little more than a year ago, we were gathered about the towering cliffs of Lookout Mountain, and all the future was wrapped in doubt and uncertainty.

Three armies had come together from distant fields, with separate histories, yet bound by one common cause—the union of our country, and the perpetuation of the Government of our inheritance. There is no need to recall to your memories Tunnel Hill, with Rocky Face Mountain, and Buzzard Roost Gap, with the ugly forts of Dalton behind. We were in earnest, and paused not for danger and difficulty, but dashed through Snake Creek Gap and fell on Resacca; then on to the Etowah, to Dallas, Kenesaw, and the heats of summer found us on the banks of the Chattahoochee, far from home, and dependent on a single road for supplies. Again we were not to be held back by any obstacle, and crossed over and fought four hard battles for the possession of the citadel of Atlanta. That was

the crisis of our history. A doubt still clouded our future, but we solved the problem and destroyed Atlanta; struck boldly across the State of Georgia, severed all the main arteries of life to our enemy, and Christmas found us at Savannah.

Waiting there only long enough to fill our wagons, we again began a march which, for peril, labor, and results, will compare with any ever made by an organized army. The floods of the Savannah, the swamps of the Combahee and Edisto, the "high hills" and rocks of the Santee, the flat quagmires of the Pedee and Cape Fear Rivers, were all passed in mid-winter, with its floods and rains, in the face of an accumulating enemy; and, after the battles of Averasboro' and Bentonville, we once more came out of the wilderness to meet our friends at Goldsboro'. Even then we paused only long enough to get new clothing, to reload our wagons, and again pushed on to Raleigh and beyond, until we met our enemy suing for peace instead of war, and offering to submit to the injured laws of his and our country. As long as that enemy was defiant, nor mountains, nor rivers, nor swamps, nor hunger, nor cold, had checked us; but when he who had fought us hard and persistently offered submission, your General thought it wrong to pursue him further, and negotiations followed, which resulted, as you all know, in the surrender.

How far the operations of this army contributed to the final overthrow of the Confederacy and the peace which now dawns upon us, must be judged by others, not by us; but that you have done all that men could do, has been admitted by those in authority, and we have a right to join in the universal joy that fills our land because the war is *over*, and our Government stands vindicated before the world, by the joint action of the Volunteer Armies and Navy of the United States.

To such as remain in the service, your General need only remind you that success in the past was due to hard work and discipline, and that the same work and discipline are equally important in the future. To such as go home, he will only say that our favored country is so grand, so extensive, so diversified in climate, soil and productions, that every man may find a home and occupation suited to his taste; and none should yield to the natural impatience sure to result from our past life of excitement and adventure. You will be invited to seek new adventures abroad: do not yield to the temptation, for it would lead only to death and disappointment.

Your General now bids you farewell, with the full belief that as in war you have been good soldiers, so in peace you will make good citizens; and if, unfortunately, new war should arise in our country, "Sherman's Army" will be the first to buckle on its old armor and come forth to defend and maintain the Government of our inheritance.

By order of Major General W. T. Sherman:

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